

FAIRY TAIL

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Hiro Mashima Creator of Rave Master

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Every-
body,
do your
part!

It's
time!!!

Taurus
!!!!

Open!!!
Golden
Bovine
Gate...

Perfume of
Strength,
enact!!!!

Ngoooo
oooooo
ooooo!

Natsu!

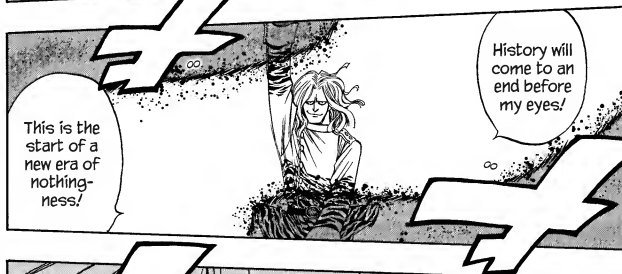
*Roar of the Sky Dragon

Tenryû no
Hôkô*...



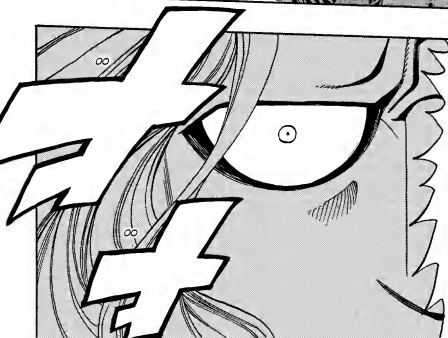


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!!!

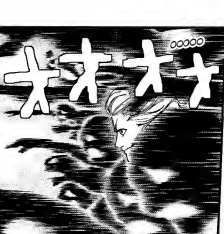
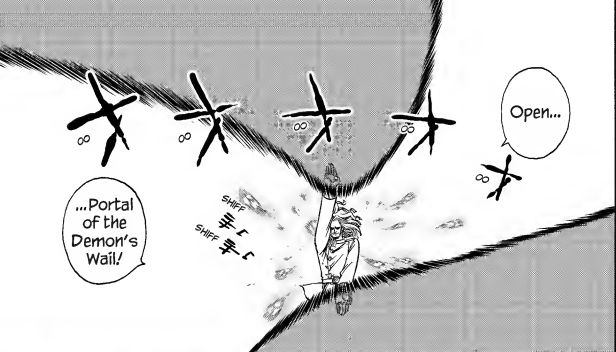


This is the
start of a
new era of
nothing-
ness!

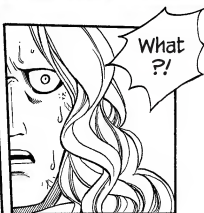
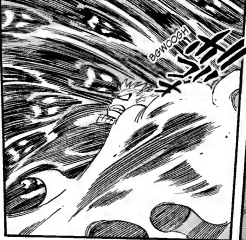
History will
come to an
end before
my eyes!



**GENESIS
ZERO
!!!!**









That
golden
flame
is...



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A
A
A
A
H
H
H
!!!



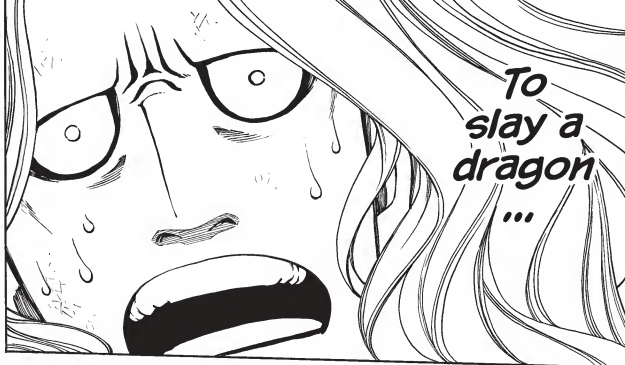
You
think you
can burn my
magic with
that fire?!!



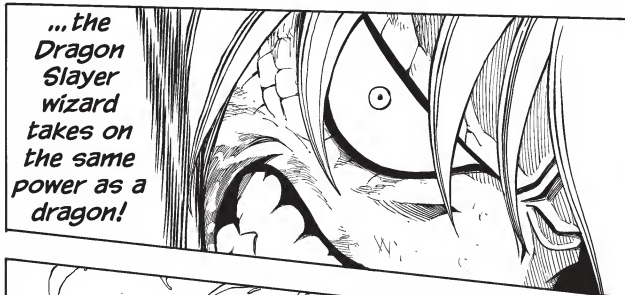
R
a
h
h
h
h
!!!







*To
slay a
dragon
...*



*...the
Dragon
Slayer
wizard
takes on
the same
power as a
dragon!*



*... is
truly...*

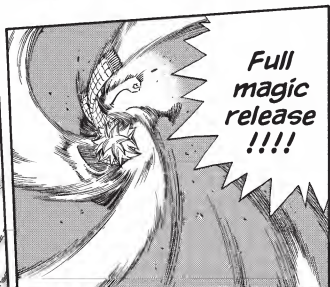
This...



... a
dragon
slayer
!!!!



Dragon
Slayer
Secret
Attack:
"Shiranui-
gata!"

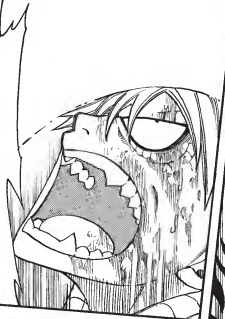


Full
magic
release
!!!!

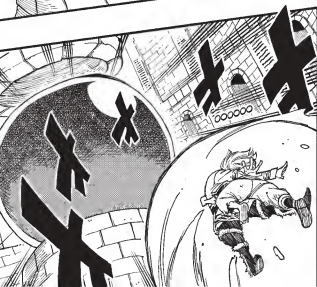
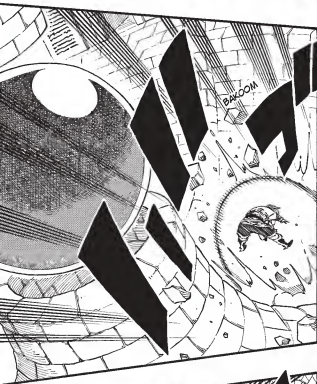
GUREN
Hôô-
KEN*
!!!!!!

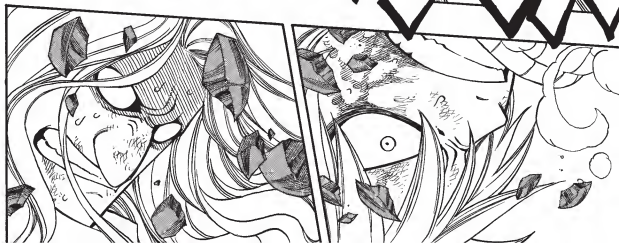


AAAAHHH!!!



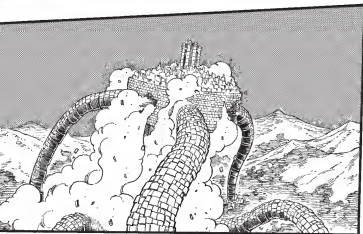
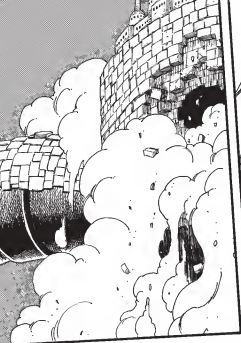
GWAAAHH!!!

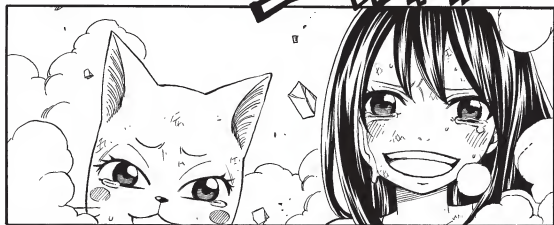
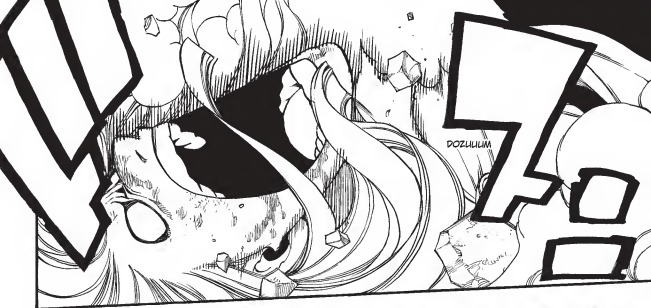








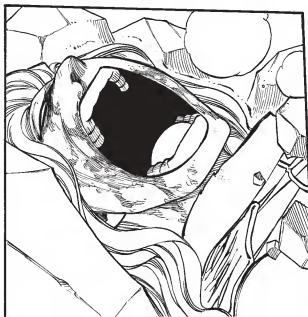
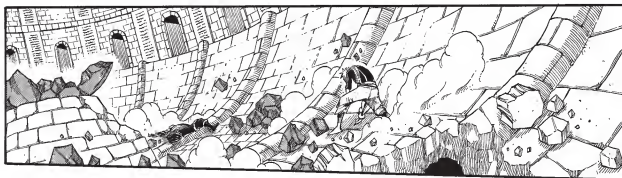
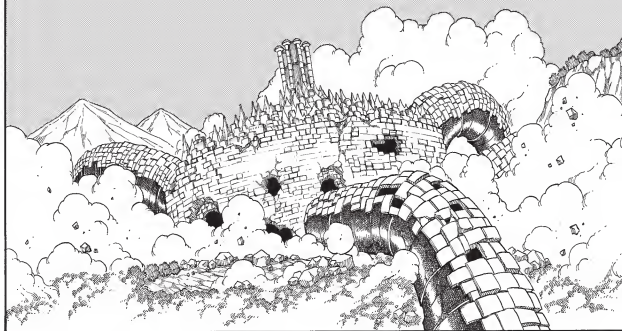


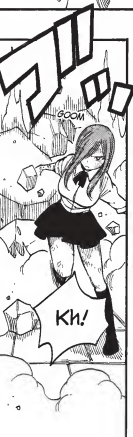
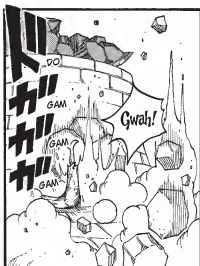
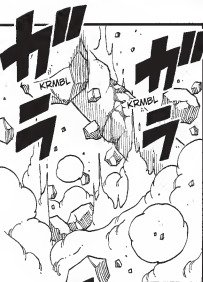


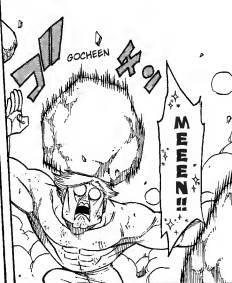
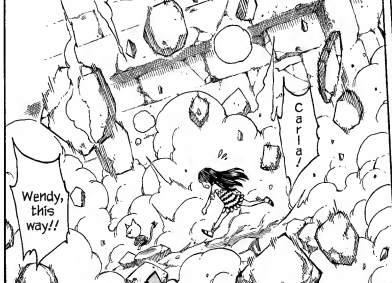
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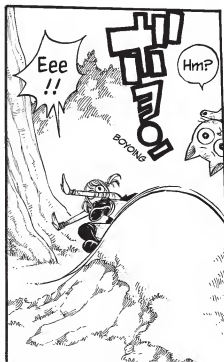
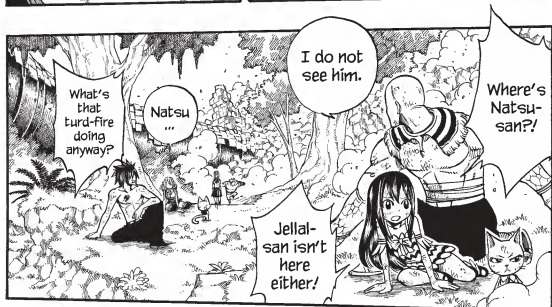
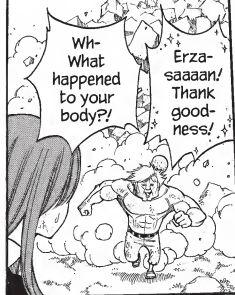
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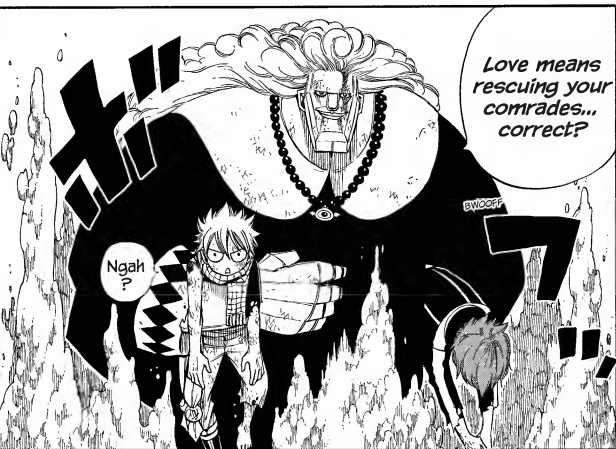
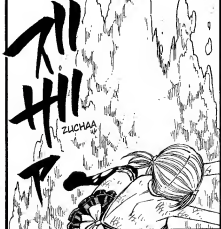












Whoa!

Natsu-
san
!!!!

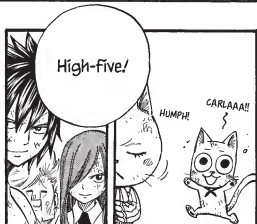
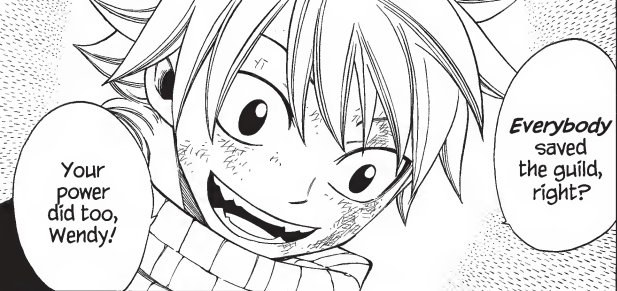
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GAMPH

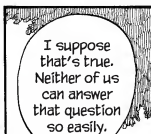
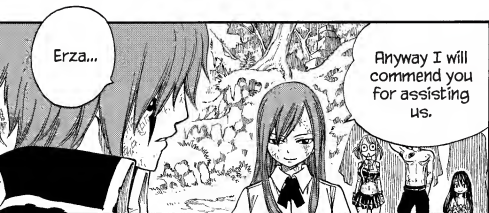
You
saved
our
guild!

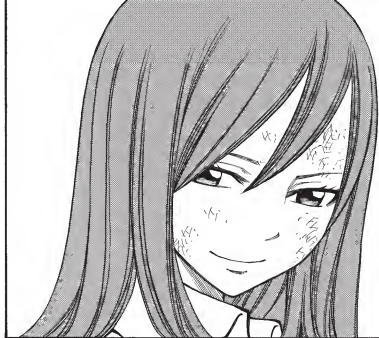
Thank
you!

You
really did
keep your
promise...









I'm
by your
side.

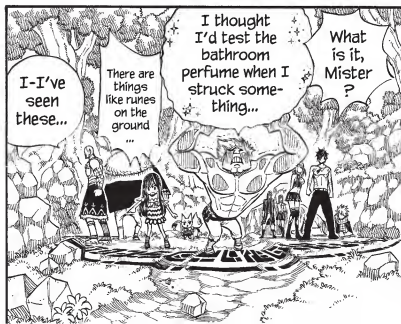


You
see, I...



We might
start hating
each other
once again,
but...

...I
certainly
cannot
leave
you...



I-I've
seen
these...

There are
things
like runes
on the
ground
...

I thought
I'd test the
bathroom
perfume when I
struck some-
thing...

What
is it,
Mister
?



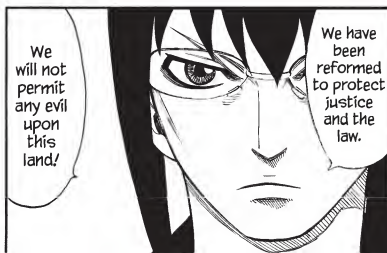
Meen!





My
name is
Lahar.

I am the
commander
of the Fourth
Regiment Arrest-
and-Custody
Division for
the New Magic
Council.



We
will not
permit
any evil
upon
this
land!

We have
been
reformed
to protect
justice
and the
law.

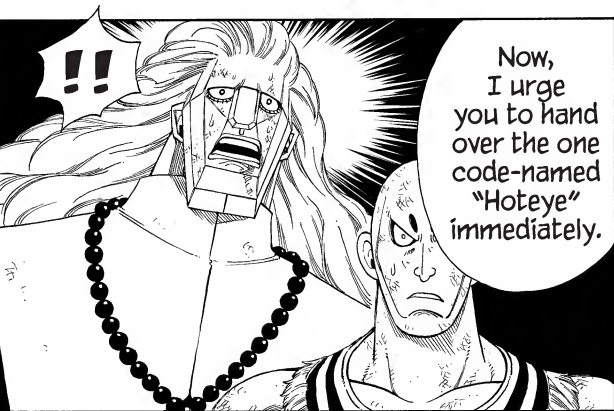


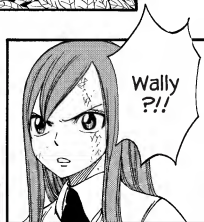
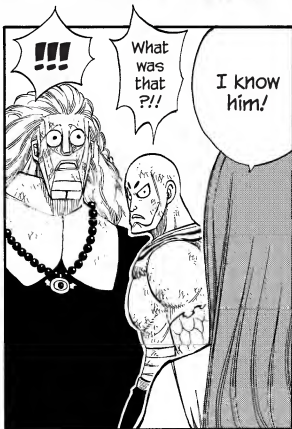
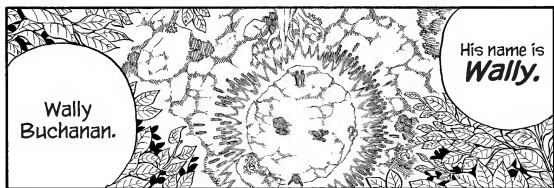
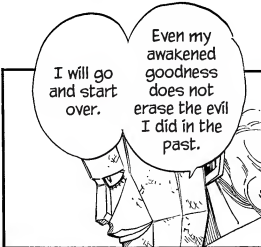
They've
already
formed a
new one?!

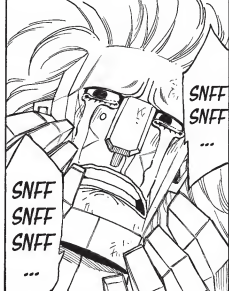
"New
Magic
Council"
?!!



I am well aware of that.



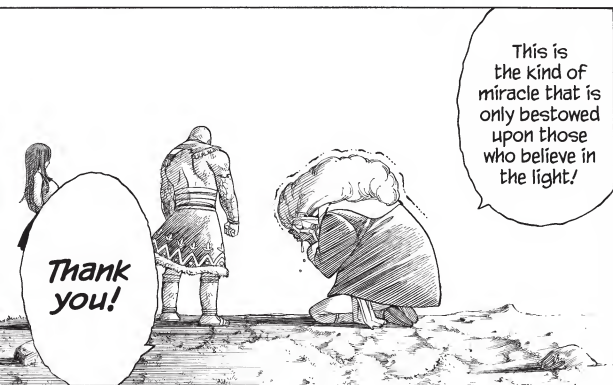
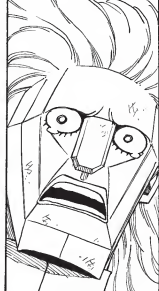




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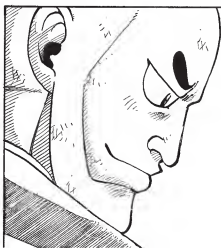


Thank
you!

This is
the kind of
miracle that is
only bestowed
upon those
who believe in
the light!



Thank
you!!!



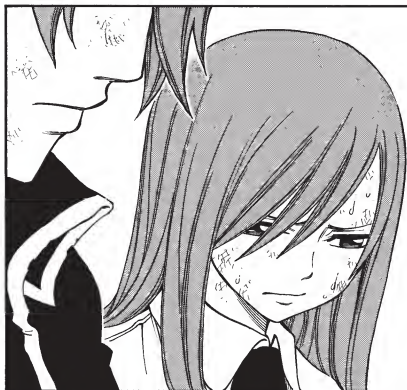
Thank
you...





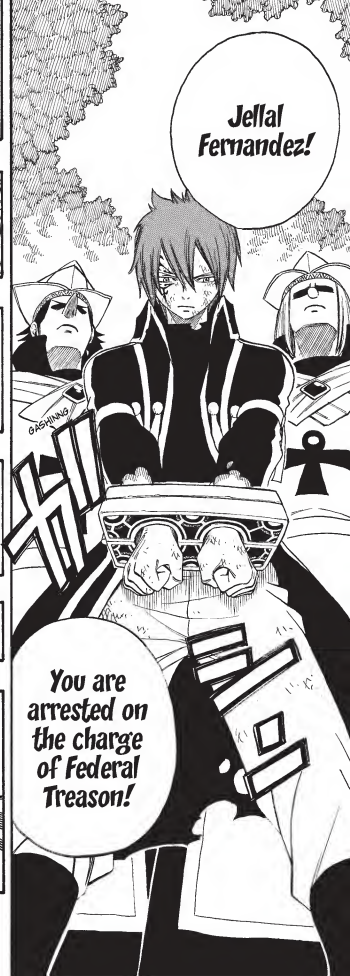
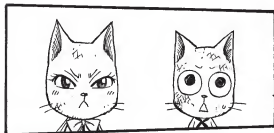
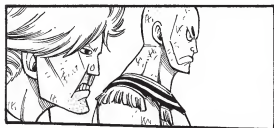
**It's you,
Jellal!!!!**

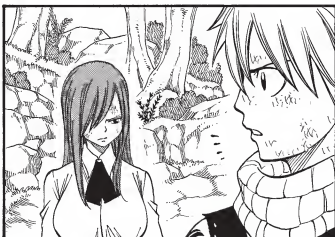
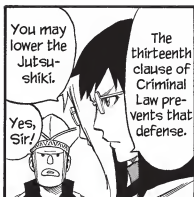
**Surrender!!!!
We already have
orders to kill you
if you offer any
hint of resis-
tance!!!!**

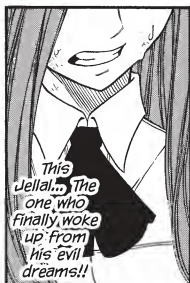
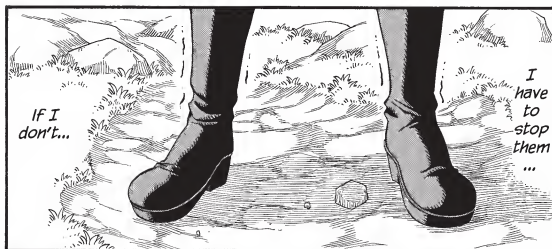


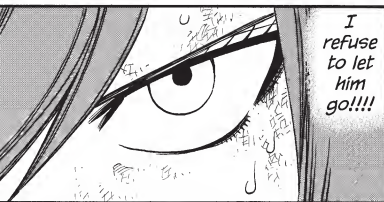
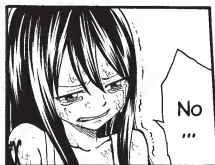


Chapter 163, The Scarlet Sky









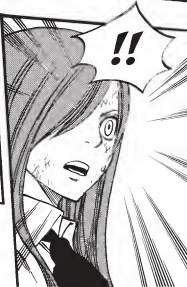
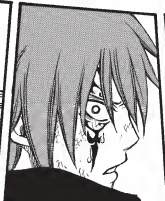


**I'm not
lettin'
him go
anywhere
!!!!**



**You're up
against the
council, you
know!!!**

**Natsu
!!!**



!!



Gah!

Uguff!

Outta
my
way
!!!!



You
...



Arrest
him
!!!!

That
man is
in league
with
him!!!!



H-Hold
that man
down!!!



D-
Don't...



Natsu-
san...





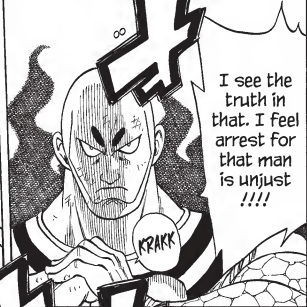


Although
it breaks
my heart
to say
it...

...his
leaving
will make
Erza
sad!!!

That
kinda
smells
nice!

WHOA!



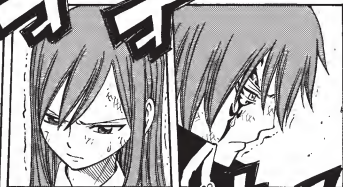
I see the
truth in
that. I feel
arrest for
that man
is unjust
!!!!



ZLITCH
シキキ

Aye!!

Don't
blame me
for what
happens
next!!



Come
on,
Jellal
!!!!



Don't
take
Jellal
away,
please
!!!



**You can't let
yourself get
taken from
Erza!!!!**



**For
Erza's
sake
!!!!**

**She's
gotta
be with
you!!!!**



**So come
here!!!!**



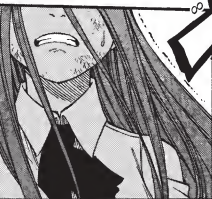
We're on
the same
team,
right?!!!

We'll be
with you
too!!!!

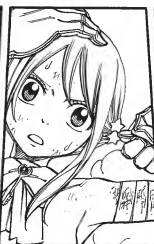


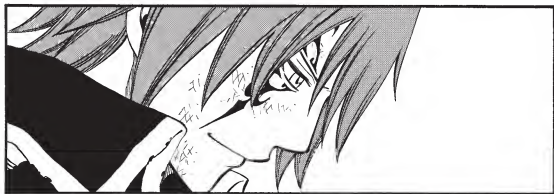
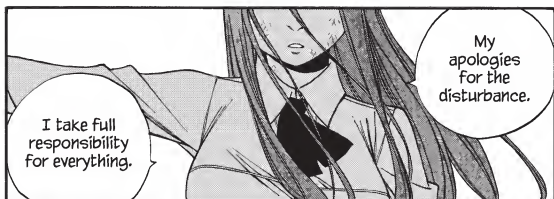
Arrest
them for
obstruc-
tion and
aiding and
abetting a
known
fugitive
!!!!

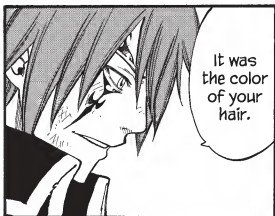
Arrest
all of
them
!!!!

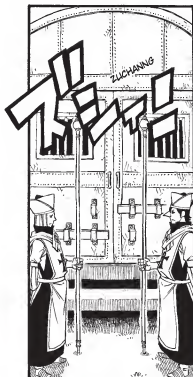
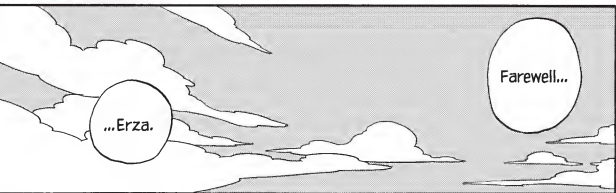
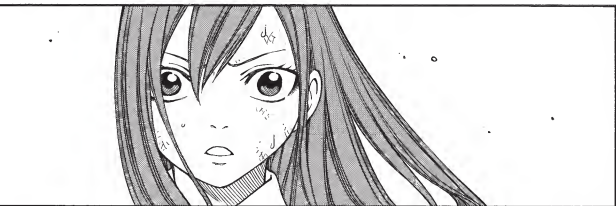


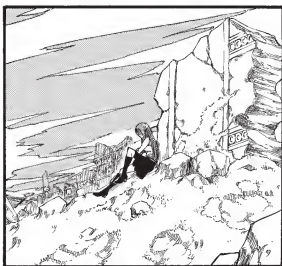
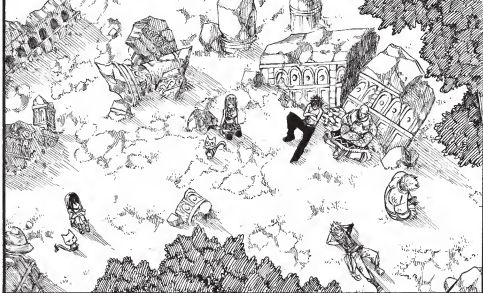
Jel-
laaaaal
!!!!











I wonder
where Erza
went...



Aye...

Let her have
her alone
time.



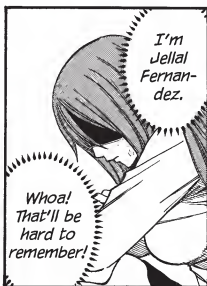
I'm
Erza.

Just
Erza.



What
about you,
Erza?

The same for
you. "Wally
Buchanan."
I'll forget that
right away.



I'm
Jellal
Fernan-
dez.

Whoa!
That'll be
hard to
remember!



It's such
a pretty
scarlet
color...

I
know!



Ohh!

Hey...
What're
you doing
?!

Well,
that's
kind of
sad.



Erza...

...
Scarlet
...



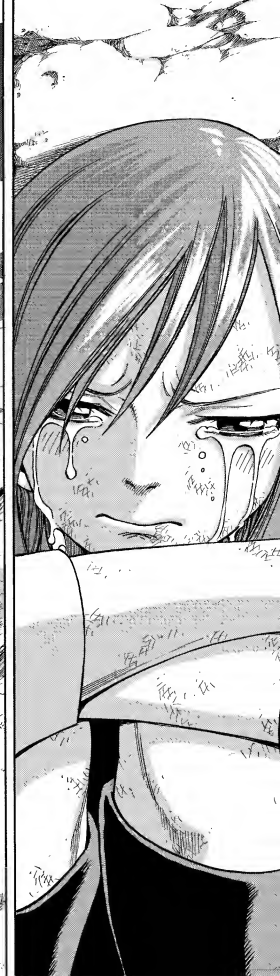
"Give you the
name"? You
don't have the
right to...

We'll give you
the last name
of Scarlet!



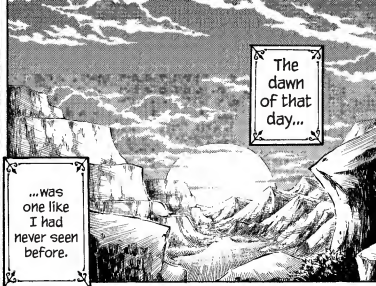
Nobody
will ever
forget
that!

It's the
color of
your hair!





It was as
if it was
died in
the most
beautiful
scarlet
coloring.



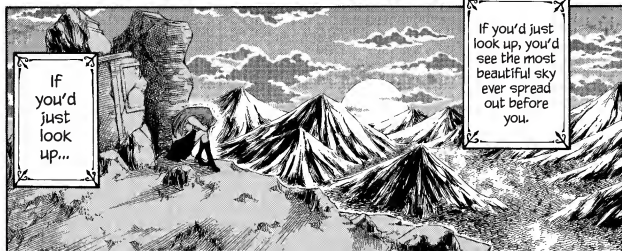
The
dawn
of that
day...

...was
one like
I had
never seen
before.



So
warm
and
full of
passion.

Just the
color of
Erza's
hair.



If
you'd
just
look
up...

If you'd just
look up, you'd
see the most
beautiful sky
ever spread
out before
you.



Chapter 164, A Guild of One



Everyone in this settlement is a part of the guild, and they're famous for their woven cloth!

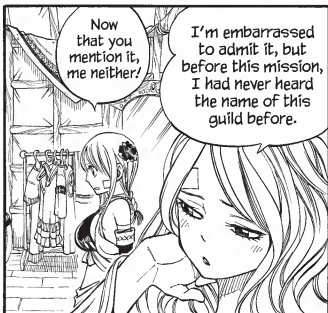
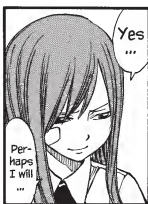
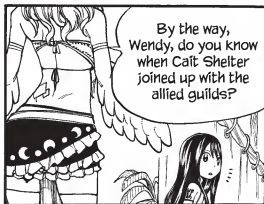
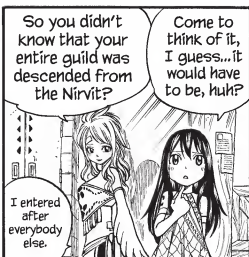
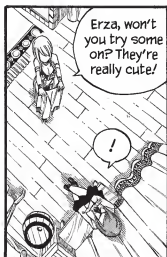


A weaving method handed down from the Nirvit Clan, huh?



Mine is cuter!

Wow!! This is so cute!!

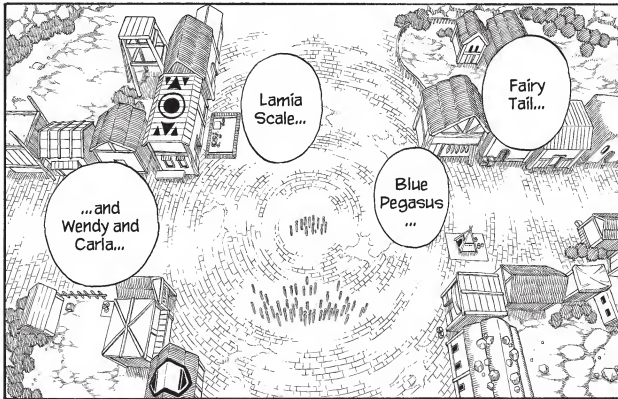




Come on.
Everyone's
waiting.



Not
that it
matters!



Lamia
Scale...

Fairy
Tail...

...and
Wendy and
Carla...

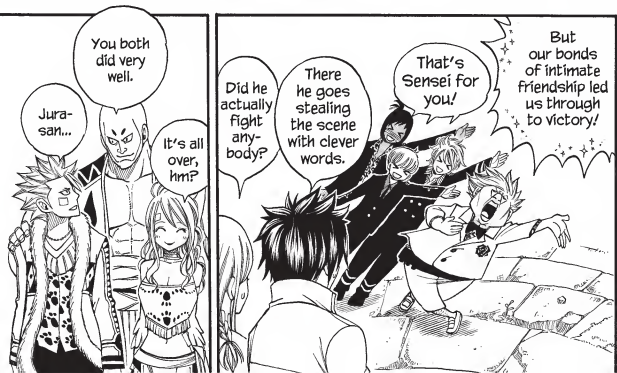
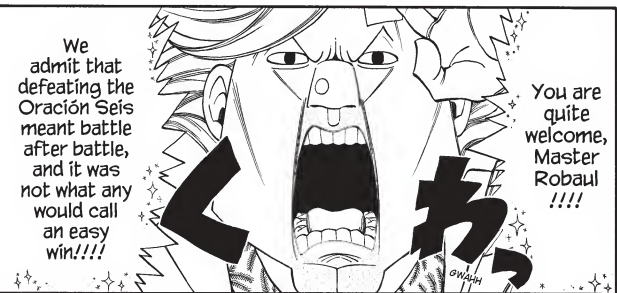
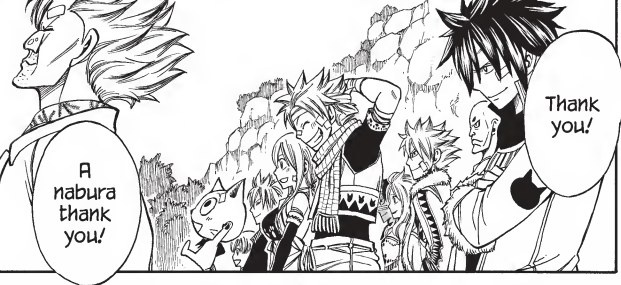
Blue
Pegasus
...

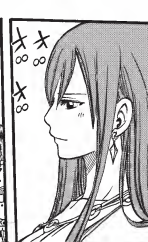
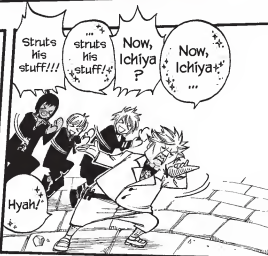
Speaking for
the alliance
of all the
regional guilds,
I, Robaul,
express our
gratitude!

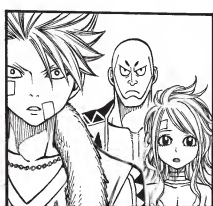
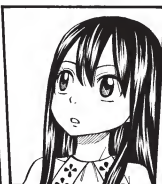
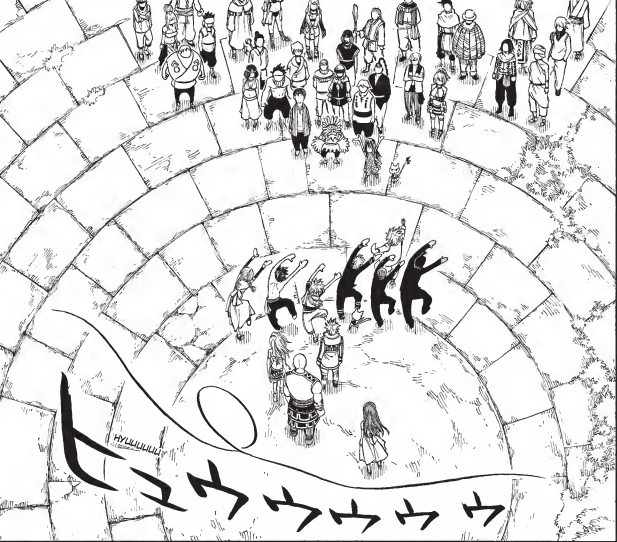


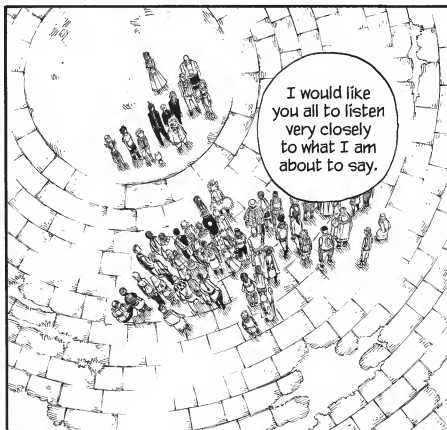
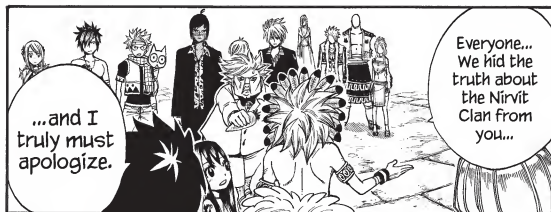
I commend
you all for
bringing down
the Oración Seis
and stopping
Nirvana!











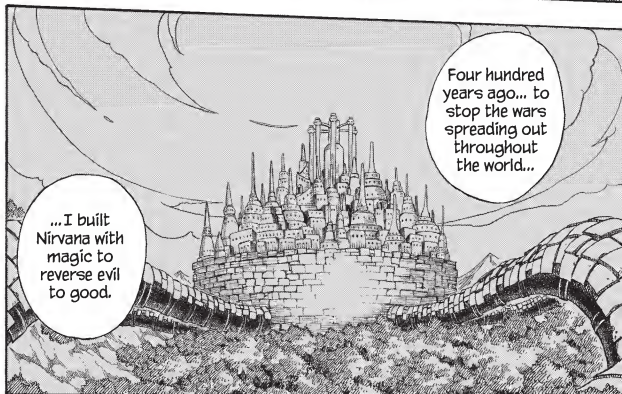


We are that
very Nirvit
Clan.



The man
who built
Nirvana
400 years
ago...

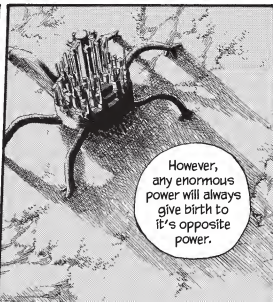
...was
me.



...I built Nirvana with magic to reverse evil to good.

Four hundred years ago... to stop the wars spreading out throughout the world...

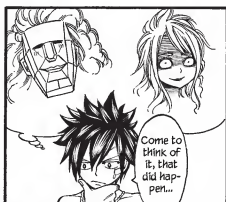
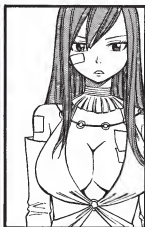
Every bit of darkness that Nirvana turned into light ended up wrapped around Nirvana itself.

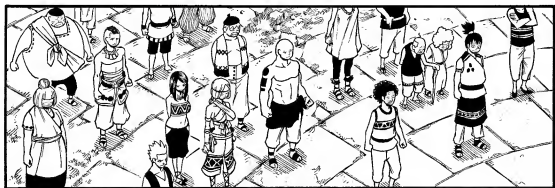


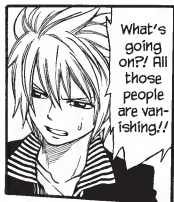
However, any enormous power will always give birth to it's opposite power.

Nirvana became our nation, and for a period of time, it was the symbol of peace.









What's going on?! All those people are vanishing!!



Magna!!
Pepel!! What is this...?!
Everybody's ...

Come on, people !!!



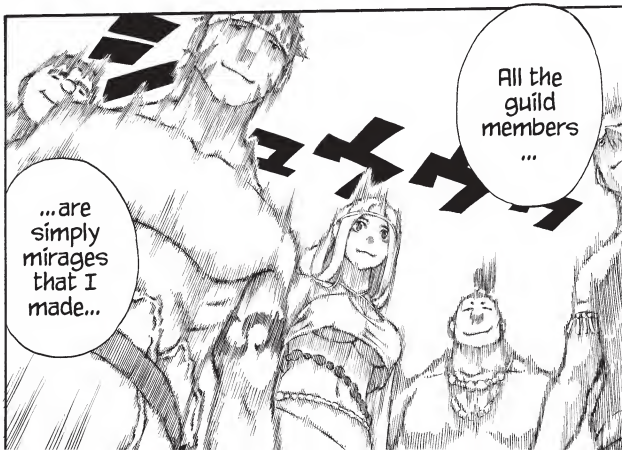
... Wendy!

I'm sorry to have tricked you...



You can't just vanish !!!

I don't want this to happen!!!



All the guild members ...

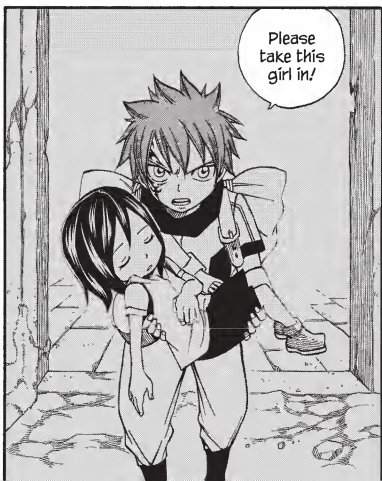
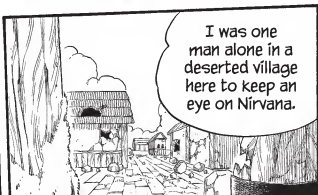
...are simply mirages that I made...

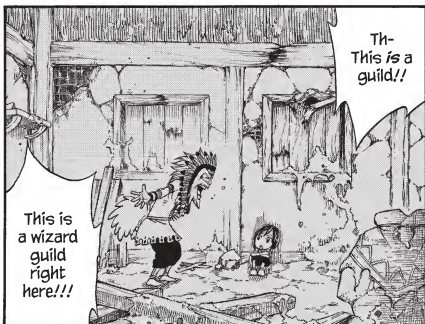


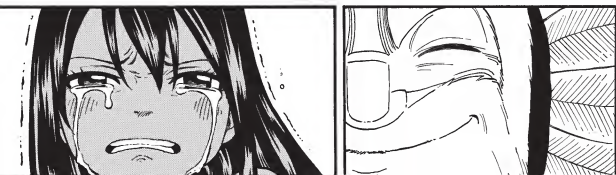
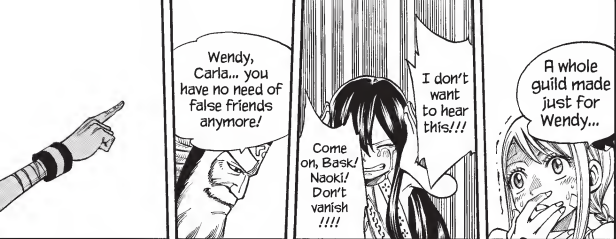
Mirages with personalities?!

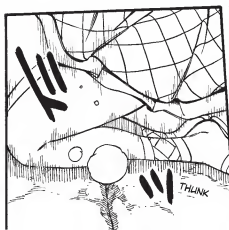
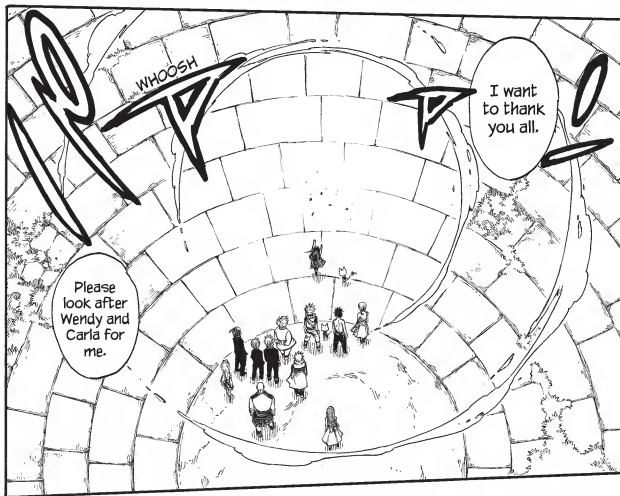
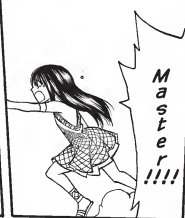
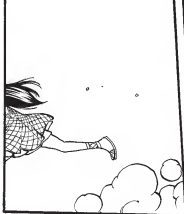


What did you say?!!



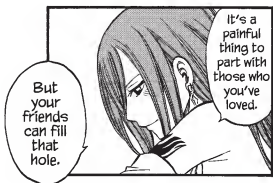




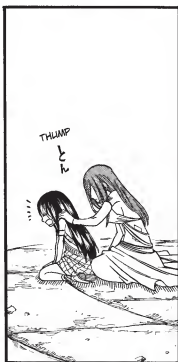
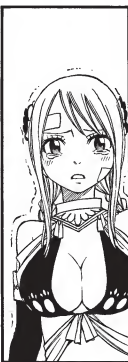




Mas-
terrerr
!!!!



It's a
painful
thing to
part with
those who
you've
loved.





Come

...

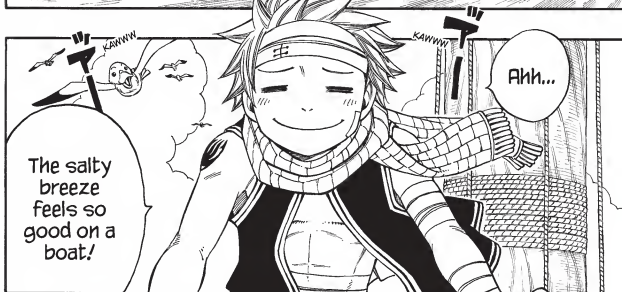
...to
Fairy
Tail.

FAIRY TAIL

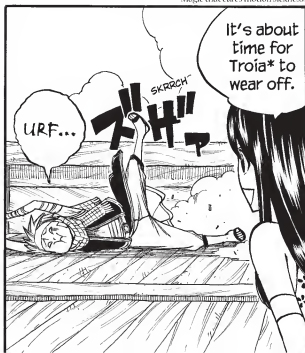
フェアリーテイル

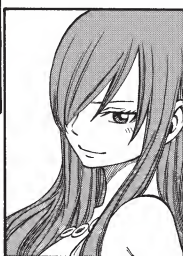
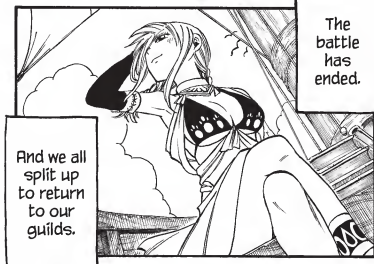
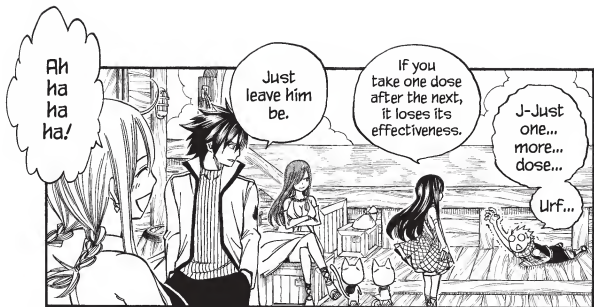


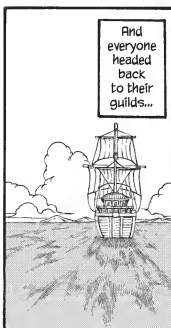
Chapter 165, Wendy the Fairy Girl



*Magic that cures motion sickness







Yeah!
Yeah!

ピキキキキキ
PIKEEEREE

With Angel
imprisoned,
we're released
from our
contract
with her.

Also, I
found
that I
had three
more
keys on
hand.



Yeekaw! And so
we all decided to
make you our new
owner!

Do you
mind?

SHAKEEN

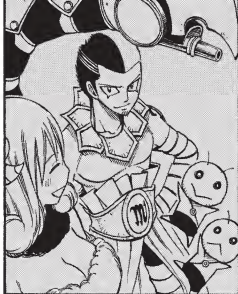
Piirii!
Piirii!

You should
know that
we're referred
to as "forms."

Yee!

"People"
?

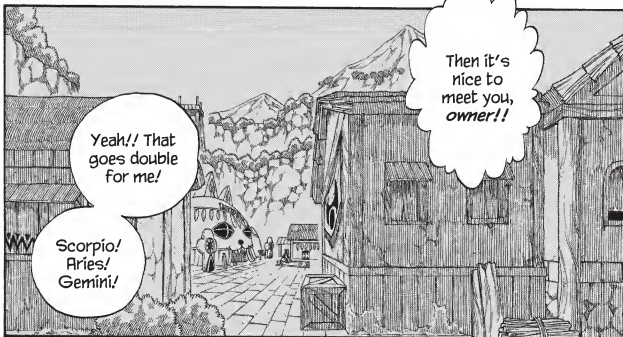
In one shot,
I get three
more people
from the
twelve golden
gates
...?!?



It's like... I've
built up a
resistance to
counting you like
possessions.

See, Loke
and the
others seem
so human,
y'know?

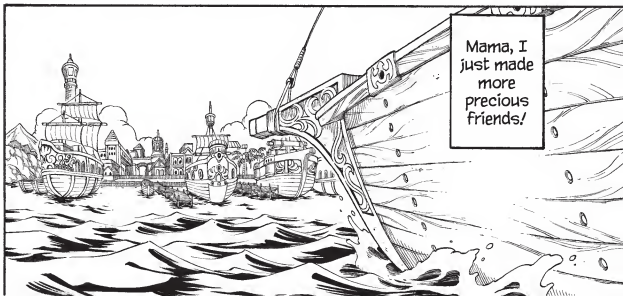
Oh... yeah...
I stopped
using that.



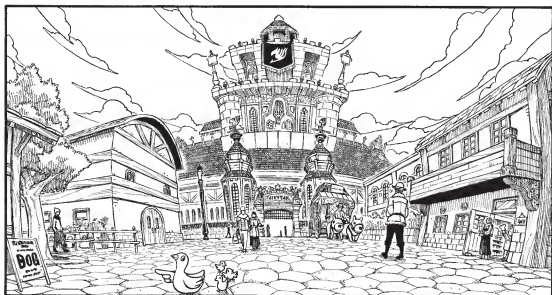
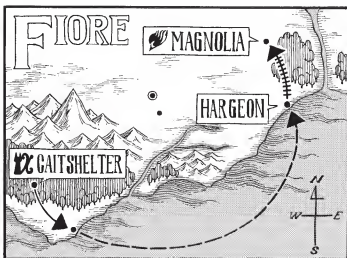
Yeah!! That
goes double
for me!

Scorpio!
Aries!
Gemini!

Then it's
nice to
meet you,
owner!!



Mama, I
just made
more
precious
friends!



It's nice
to meet
you all!

...We
introduced
Wendy and
Carla...

BOW

おはよう

...to Fairy
Tail!



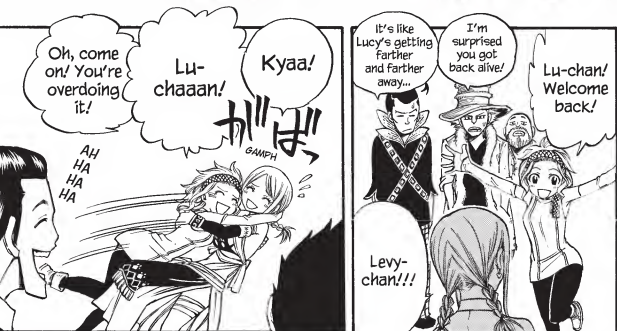
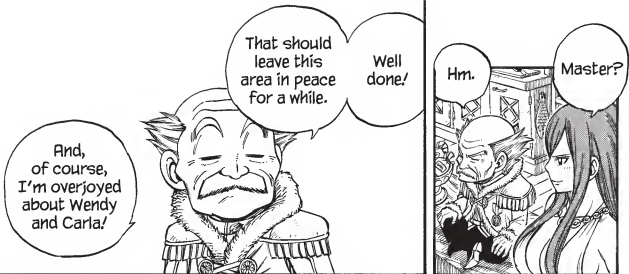
Welcome
back every-
one!

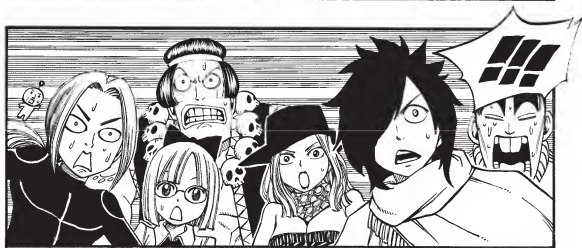
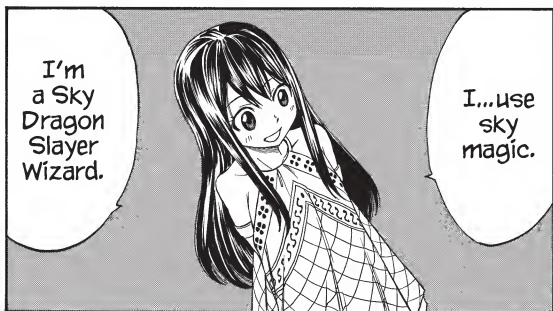
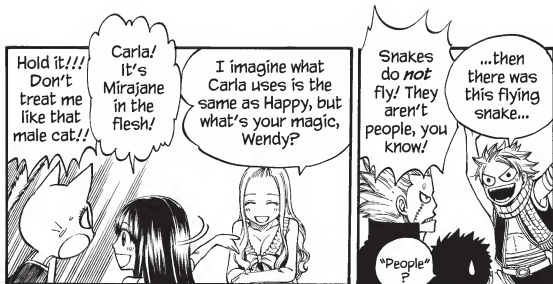
There's
a female
Happy!!

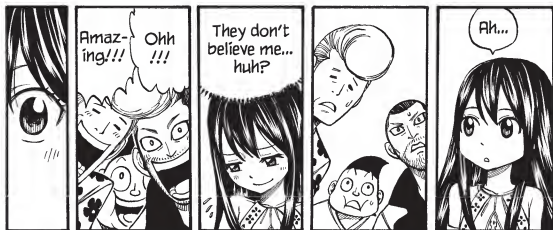
She
so
cute
!!!

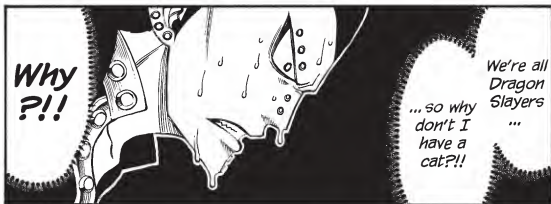
Young
lady! How
old are
you?











**A
welcome
party for
Wendy and
Carla!!!**

oooooooo!!

**Let's
make
some
noise
!!!**

**Mira-
chaaaan!
Beer!**

Got it!

Wh-
What's
that sup-
posed to
mean?!!

**Gray-sama!
You haven't
been cheating
on me, have
you?!**

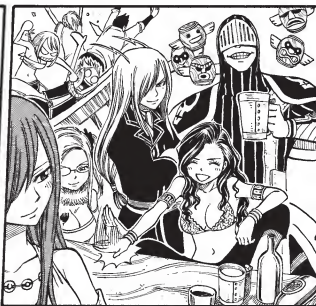
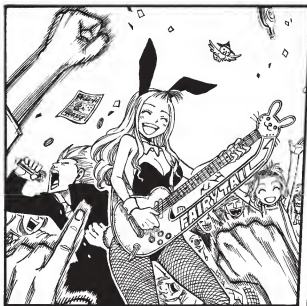
**Carlaaa!
You want my
fish?**

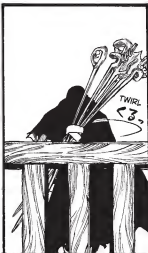
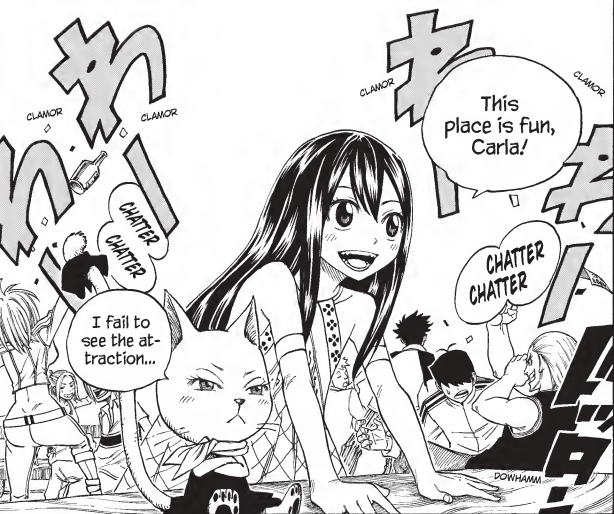
**Not even
remotely!**

**Way
to go,
Lucy!**

**Kyaaaah!
My
clothes
!!!**

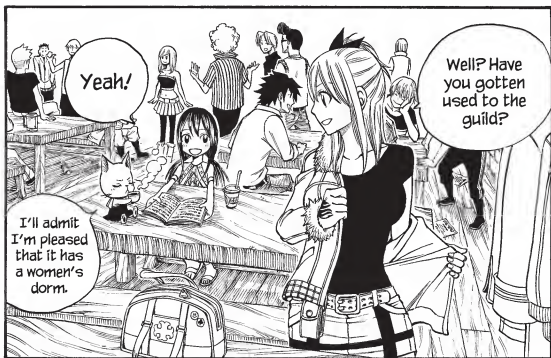
**Uwooooh!!!
I'm all
fired up
!!!**







A few days later...



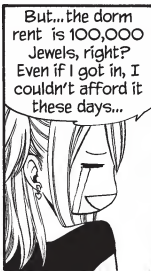
Yeah!

Well? Have you gotten used to the guild?

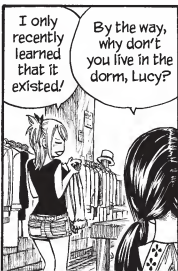
I'll admit I'm pleased that it has a women's dorm.



Big news, people !!!

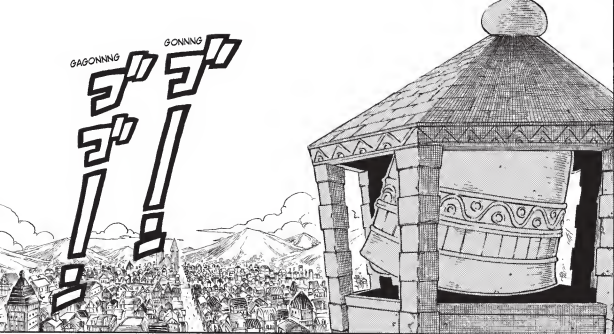


But...the dorm rent is 100,000 Jewels, right? Even if I got in, I couldn't afford it these days...



I only recently learned that it existed!

By the way, why don't you live in the dorm, Lucy?



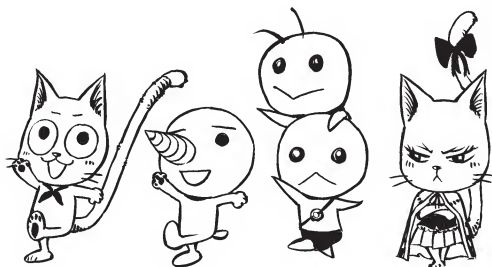




**And
Gildarts
took one
above even
that...**

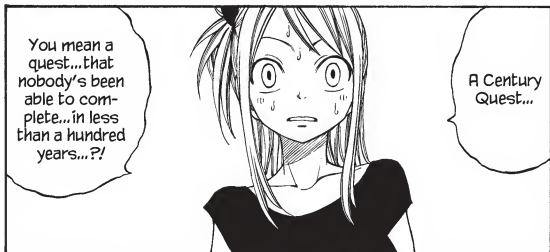
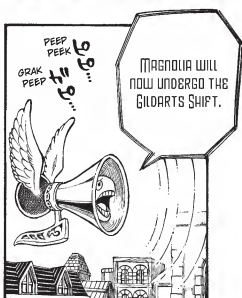
**He went
out on a
Century
Quest.**

FAIRY



TAIL

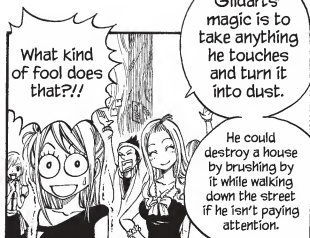
Chapter 166, Black Dragon



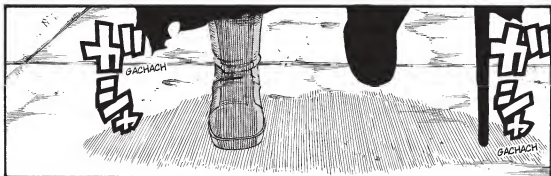
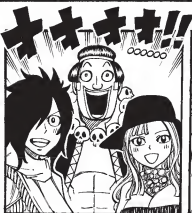
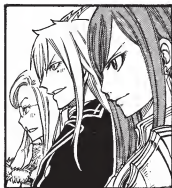
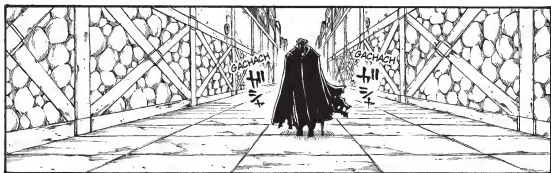


...just
split in
two!!!!

The
whole
town
...



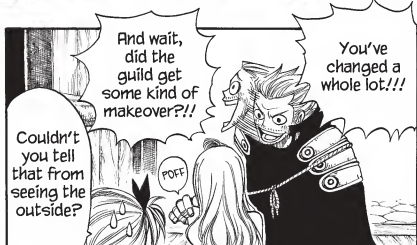
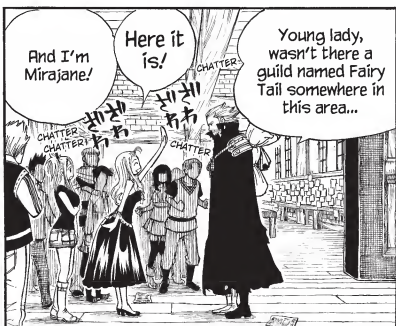
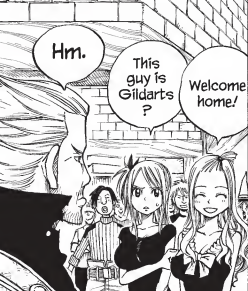
He could destroy a house by brushing by it while walking down the street if he isn't paying attention.





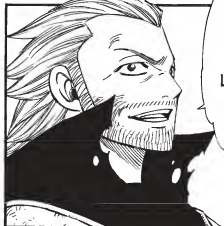
PHEW...

FAIRY TAIL
**GILDARTS
CLIVE**

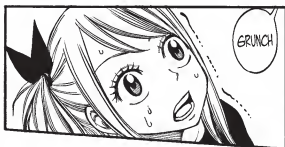




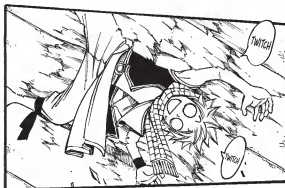
I just
told you
to come
fight
me!!!



Ohh!!
That you,
Natsu?!!
Long time,
no see!



GRUNCH



TWITCH



You
sure are
strong!

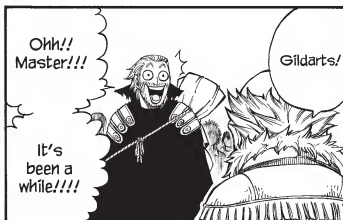
I-I
knew
it...

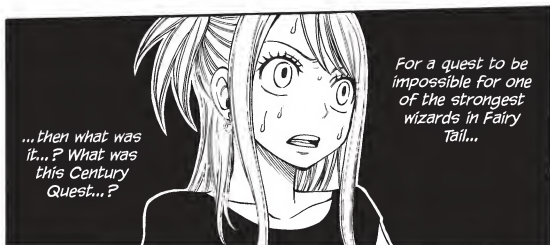


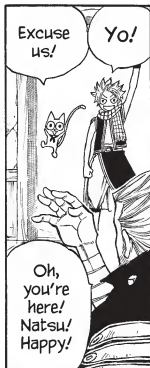
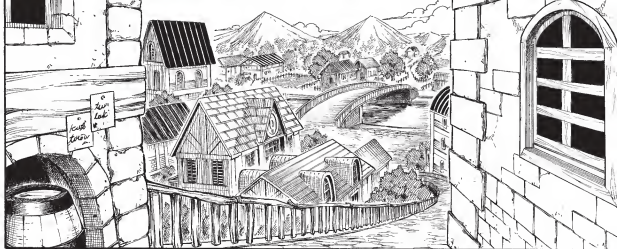
Some
other time,
maybe.

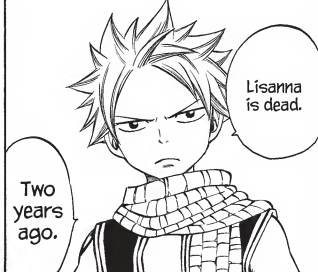
GHUFF
!!

WACHACK





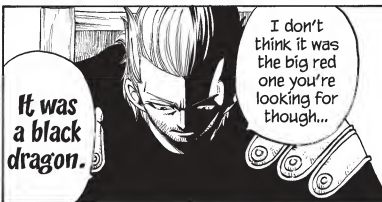
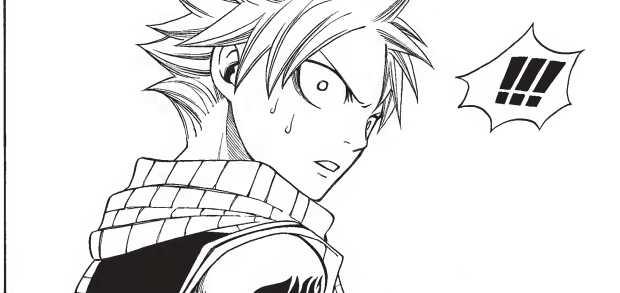




If that's what this was for, I'm going home.

Natsu, wait!







KLIK

Natsu,
look at
this...



Then
maybe it left
some clue
behind!!!!



It ain't there
anymore. That
dragon's flying
around the con-
tinent...or maybe
even the whole
world.



What do you
expect?!!
I'm gonna
find out
where Igneel
is!!!

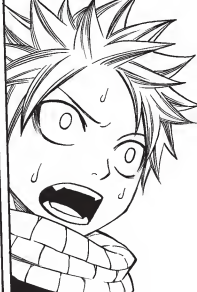
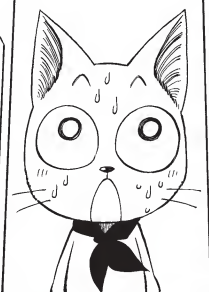


我独

WHOOOSH



That happened basically in an instant.



...but the **black** one is mankind's enemy. That's for sure.

I don't know anything about this Igneel creature...



...is a dragon slayer, right?!!

S-So the one to take it down...



And a man... won't win that battle.

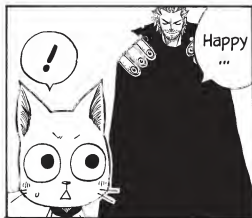


If that's really
how you feel,
then I won't
stop you.



What's
one black
dragon...

...up
against
my
magic
...?



Happy
...



Natsu
!!!

Dammiiiiit
!!!!

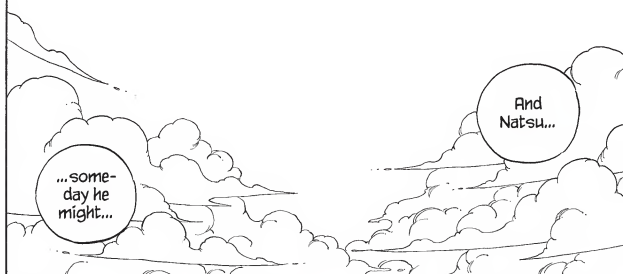


Humans
can't
beat that
thing...

...but a
dragon
might be
able to
do it.

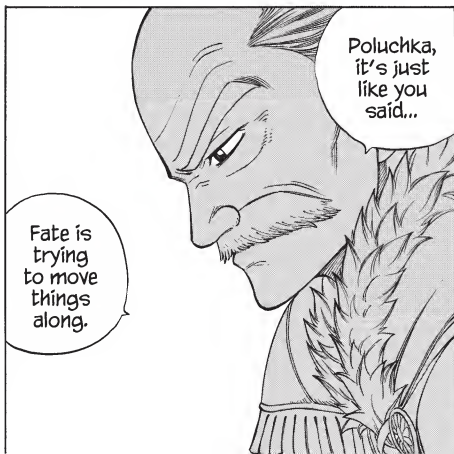


Go and
stand
behind
Natsu.



...some-
day he
might...

And
Natsu...

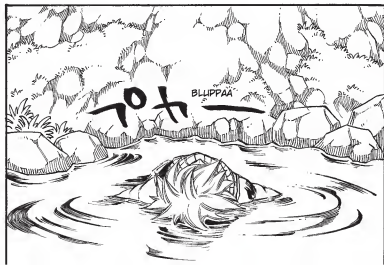
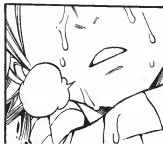
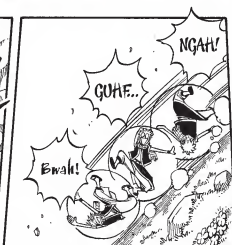
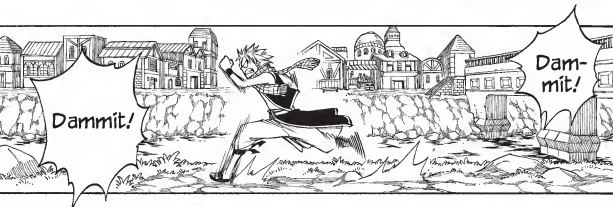
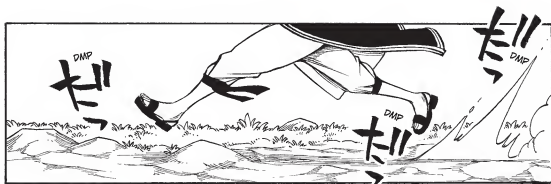


Poluchka,
it's just
like you
said...

Fate is
trying
to move
things
along.



This guild has
three dragon
slayers...

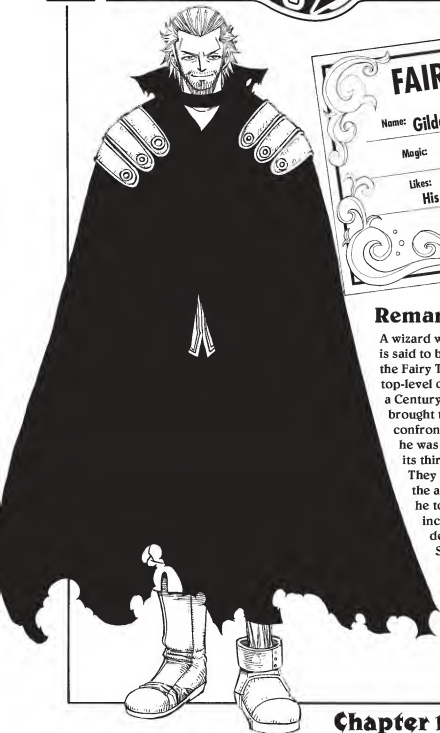




Are you
doing
okay...

...
Igneel?

FAIRY TAIL



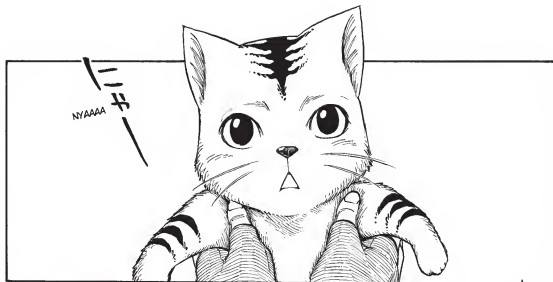
Remarks

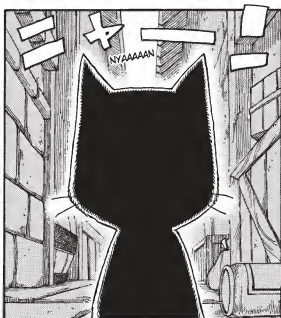
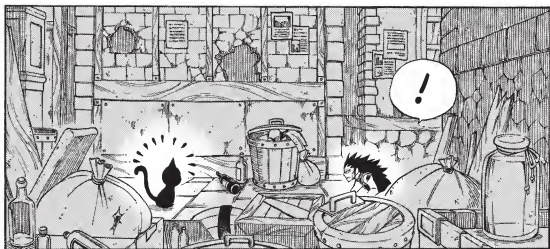
A wizard with a high reputation who is said to be the strongest member of the Fairy Tail guild. He went on the top-level quest in the magic world, a Century Quest, but his quest was brought to an end when he was confronted by a black dragon and he was forced to quit the quest in its third year.

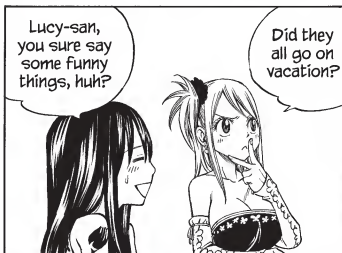
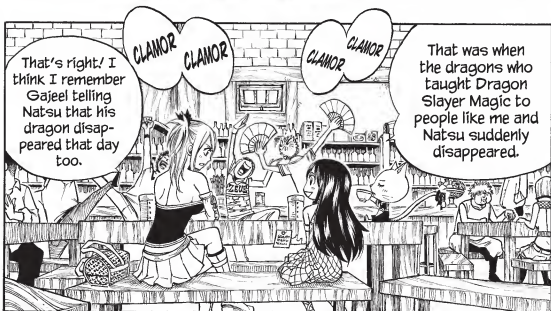
They say his magic, Crush, is the ability to reduce anything he touches to powder. It is an incredibly advanced kind of destruction magic.

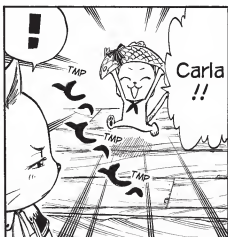
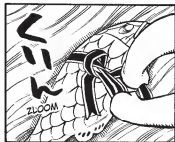
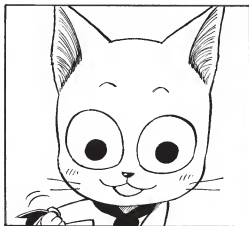
Since he has a tendency to space out and in the process collapse buildings without realizing it, the main street of Magnolia can be transformed just for Gildarts.

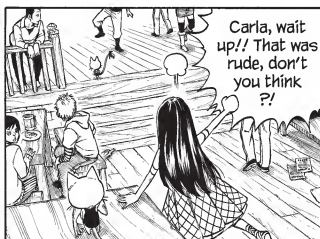
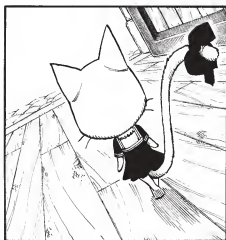
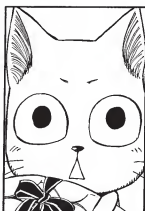
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The Vanishing Town

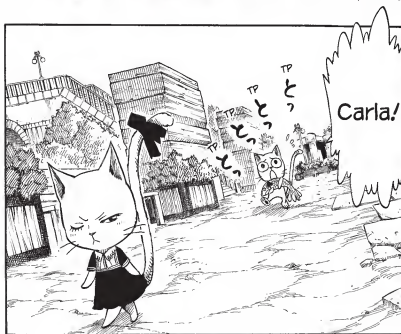
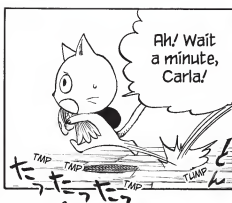


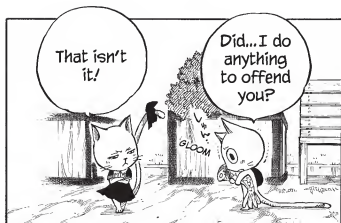


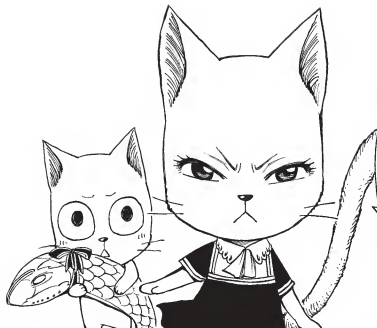








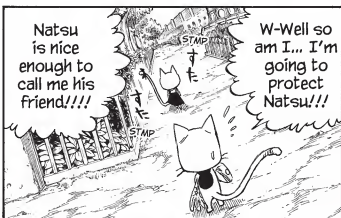




Whatever happens,
I am
going to
protect
Wendy!



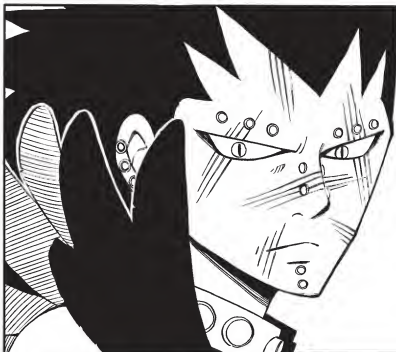
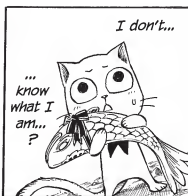
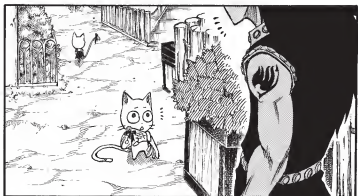
You
can't!

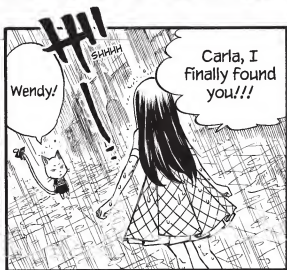


W-Well so
am I... I'm
going to
protect
Natsu!!!

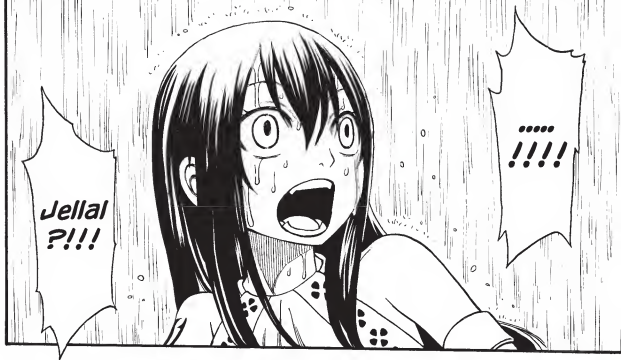


You can't
protect him
when you
don't even
know what
you are!



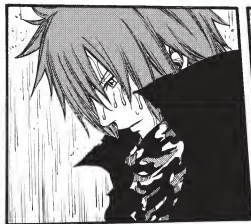




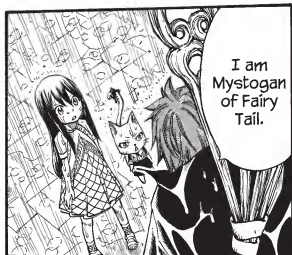


Jellal
?!!!

.....
!!!!



Wh-What
is this?! I
saw you get
arrested...



I am
Mystogan
of Fairy
Tail.



You're
kidding
!!!

No matter
what you
say, you're
Jellal!!!

That was
someone
else. Not
me.

Seven years ago, I didn't know very much about this world.



Y-You're saying...



"This world"?!

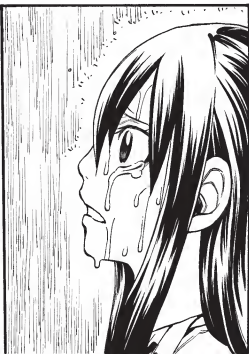
You're the Jellal...

...I knew 7 years ago...

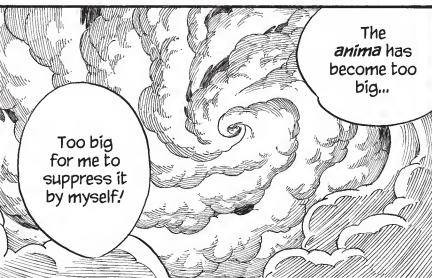
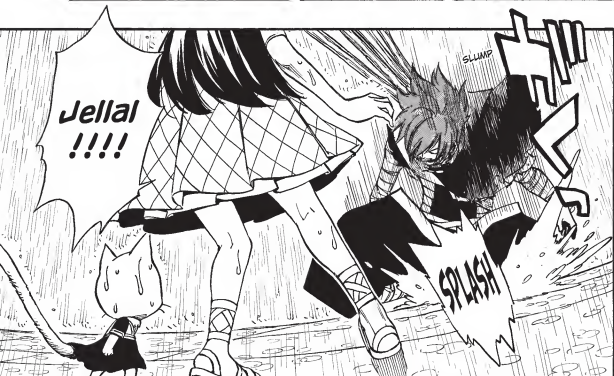
...I knew
7 years
ago...

You...

You...

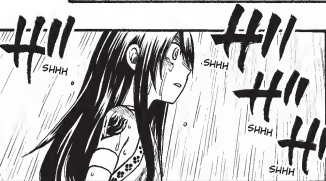
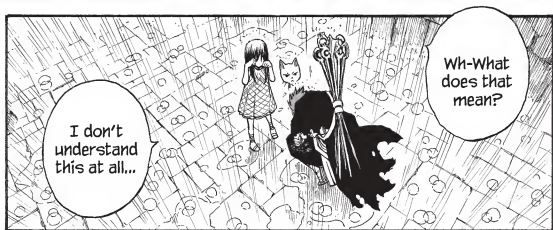








**And very
soon it's
going to wipe
Magnolia
off the
map!**



What's
going to
happen
to the
guild?!!

What
about
Fairy
Tail?!!

How long
is Natsu
going to
be out?

SHNOORE

Nobody
said a
word
about
that.

I don't
think this
is Juvia's
fault.

Yeah.

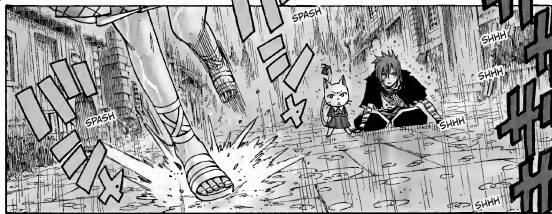
I hope
this rain
lets
up...

Let's
start
drawing
on his
face!

PULLIN!

...they're
all going
to die.

It
means...



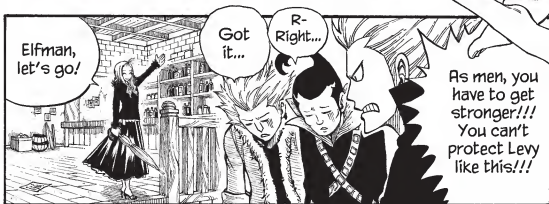
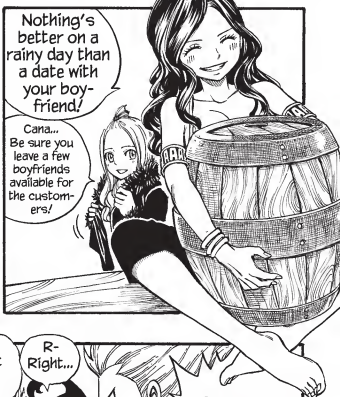
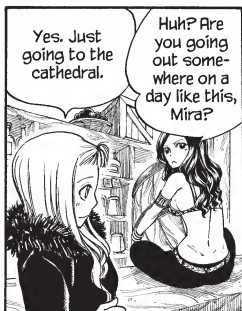


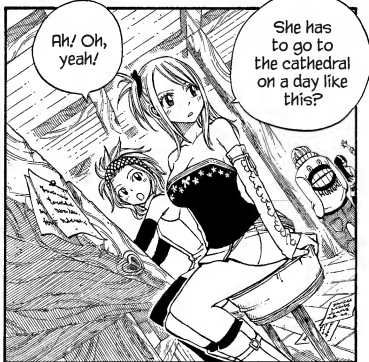
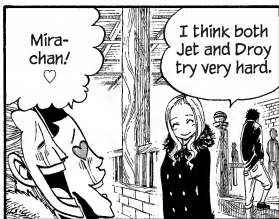
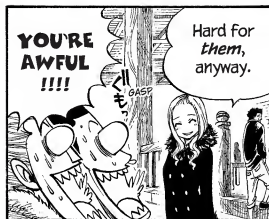
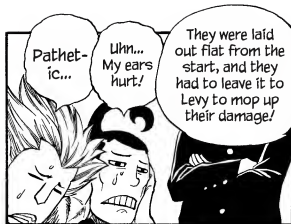
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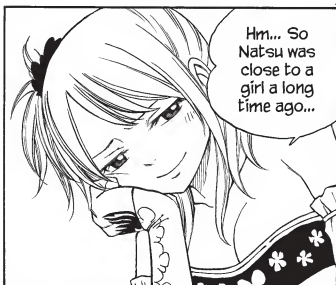
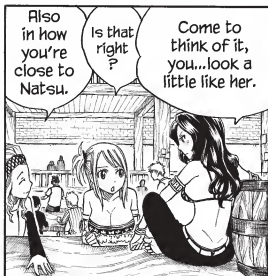
Search for the Differences

Compare this to the splash page of Chapter 162! There are a total of ten difference to find.

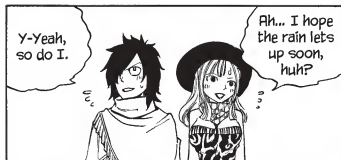
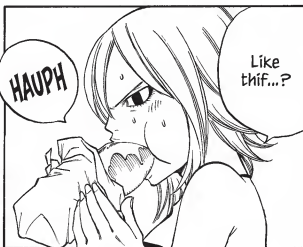


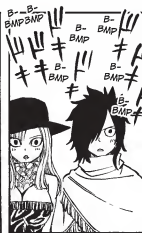
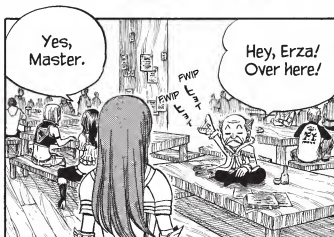
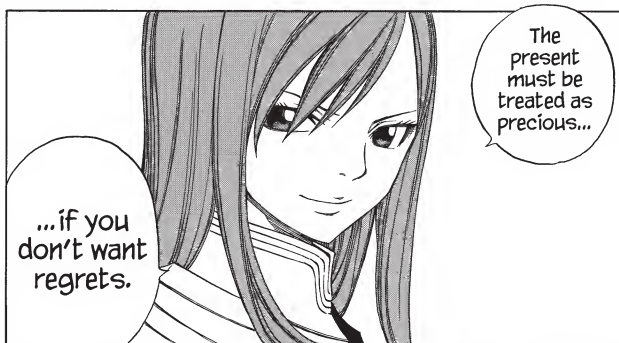


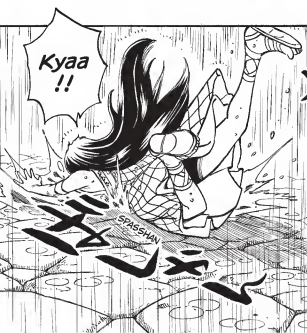
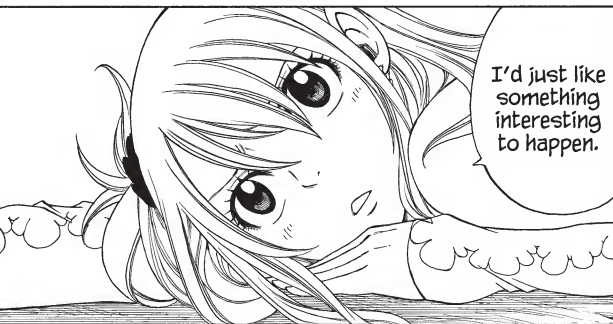






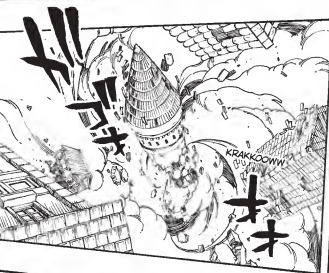




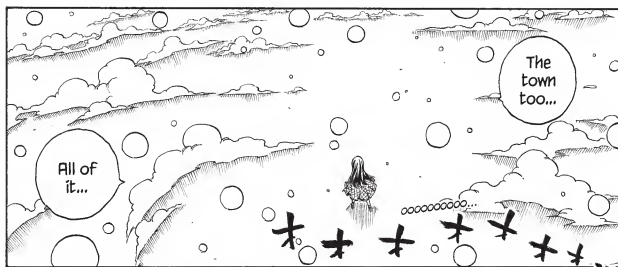
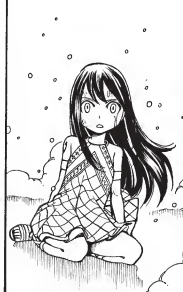
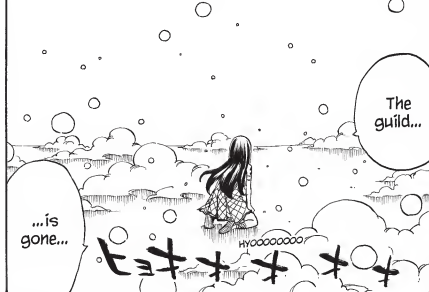














Isn't
there any-
body out
there?!!



Just
what
...

...
went
on
here
?!!

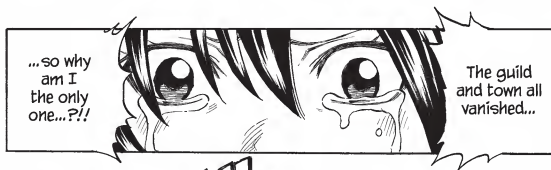


Then
why am
I here?

Huh?



Any...
body
...?



...so why
am I
the only
one...?!!

The guild
and town all
vanished...



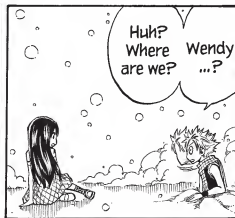
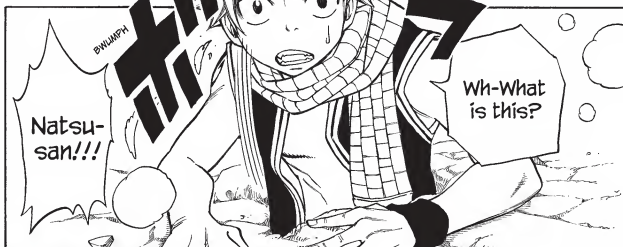
Eee!

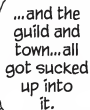


BWLAMP



RUSTLE







I'm glad.
At least
you two are
all right.

Dragon
Slayers are
fortunate to have
a special magical
power.



NOD

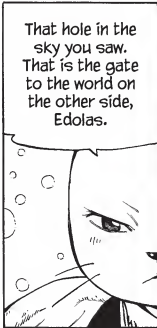
...And
wait! Did they
actually
disappear?!!



I can't just let
that go! What
happened to
everybody
else...



Carla...



That hole in the
sky you saw.
That is the gate
to the world on
the other side,
Edolas.



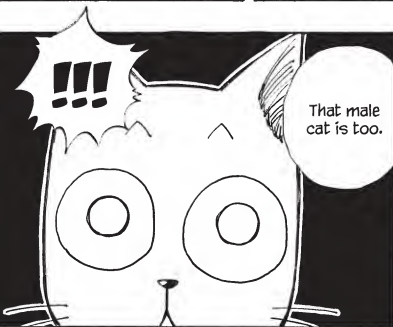
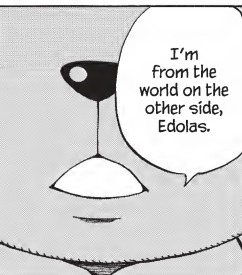
Anima
...?

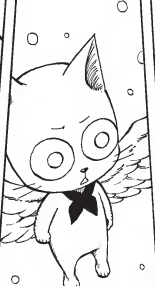
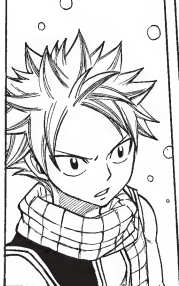


HEEEN!!
EVERYBODY!!

Yes, they
vanished.

Or to be
exact, they
were sucked
into the
anima.



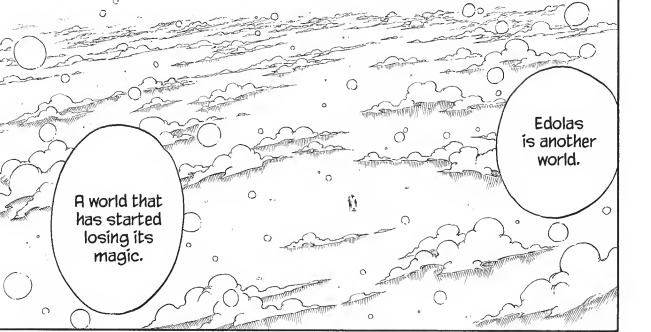


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

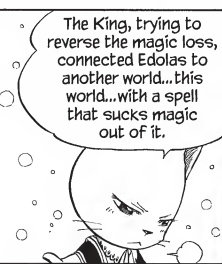


Chapter 169, Edolas



A world that
has started
losing its
magic.

Edolas
is another
world.



The King, trying to
reverse the magic loss,
connected Edolas to
another world...this
world...with a spell
that sucks magic
out of it.

.....

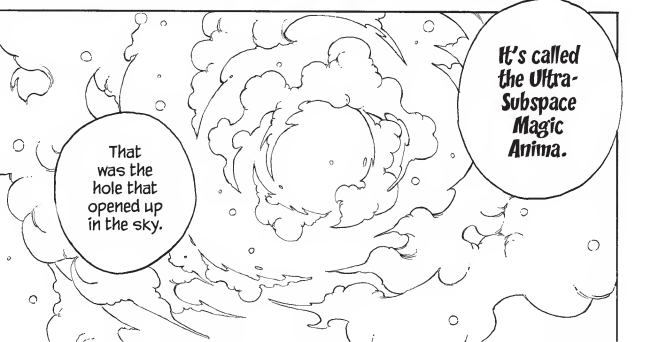


Unlike
this world,
magic is
limited in
Edolas.

If they
continue to
use magic,
it will run
completely
dry.

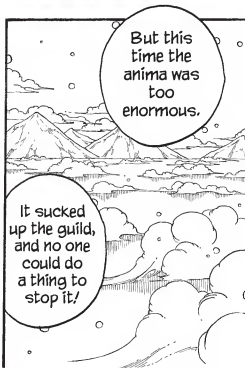
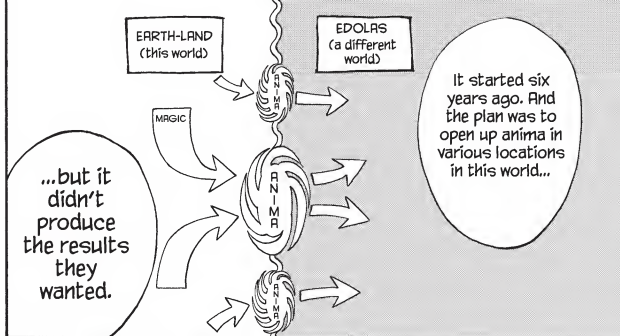


"Losing its
magic?"



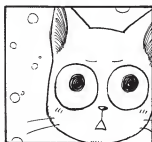
That
was the
hole that
opened up
in the sky.

It's called
the Ultra-
Subspace
Magic
Anima.





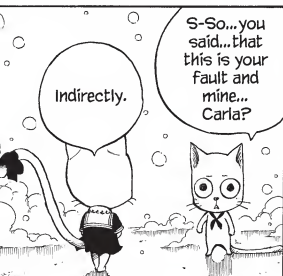
Exactly.



So that's
why they
were
targeted
?!!



Fairy Tail
has all
kinds of
extremely
powerful
wizards
!!!!



Indirectly.

S-So...you
said...that
this is your
fault and
mine...
Caria?



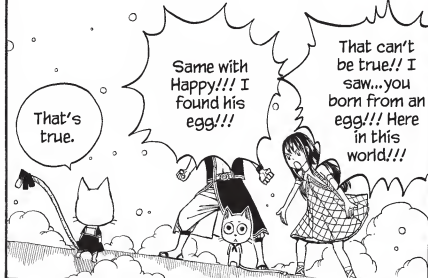
Give
everybody
back, you
jerks!!!!

Those guys
are really
selfish, you
know!!!



...to this
world, from
the Kingdom
of Edolas.

We were given
different orders
and were
sent here...



That's true.

Same with Happy!!! I found his egg!!!

That can't be true!! I saw...you born from an egg!!! Here in this world!!!



We're supposed to know all of it from the moment we're born!

But I also have knowledge of Edolas and my orders burned into me.



Just as Wendy said, I was born and raised in this world.

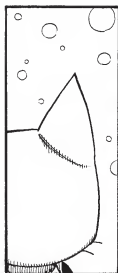
I'll just say this right now. I've never been to Edolas myself.



I...



So why don't *you* know anything ?!!



Just a second ago, didn't you say you had "different orders"...? Carla?



As long as we're citizens of Edolas...

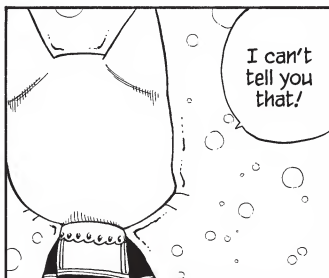
Anyway, that's how it is.

...what's going on now is our fault.



I want to know what I am.

Please tell me, Carla...



I can't tell you that!

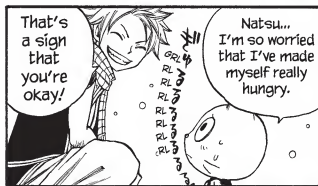


Didn't I just say I can't tell you?! Just remember them on your own !!!!



...let's go
check it
out, huh?!
This Edolas
place!

Okay
then... Now
that we've
gotten the
update...



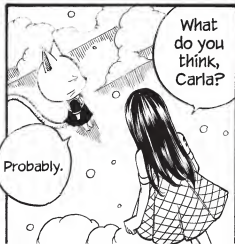
That's
a sign
that
you're
okay!

Natsu...
I'm so worried
that I've made
myself really
hungry.



And worse,
you probably
didn't under-
stand a word
I said!

You *don't*
have "the
update"
!!!



What
do you
think,
Carla?

Probably.



So we
have to
go out
and save
them.

Everybody
is up there
in Edolas,
right?



Well... if I don't have my friends, then I don't have much here to tie me to this world.

Aside from Igneel, that is.

In the first place, I don't even know if it's possible to come back from Edolas.



I think they're there.

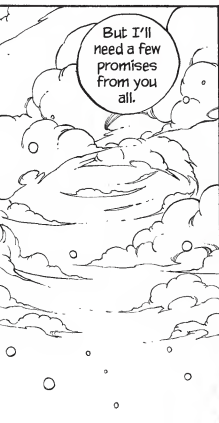
But I don't know if they can be saved.



I wonder if we *can* save everybody, huh?



Me neither!



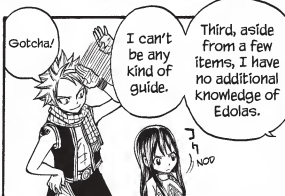
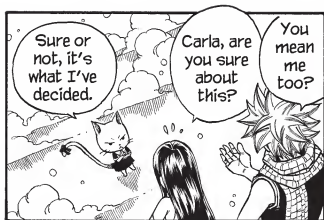
But I'll need a few promises from you all.



Even I sort of blundered into being a Fairy Tail member.

I also feel a sense of responsibility, since my home world did this.

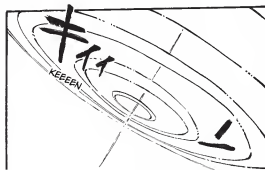
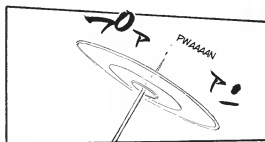
It isn't like I *can't* take you there...





We can
enter
Edolas
through the
remaining
traces of the anima
!!!!

We have
to break
through
using our
Aera!!!!

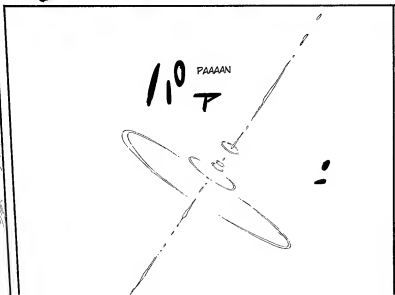
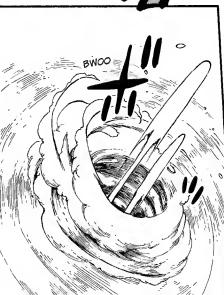


Male cat!!
Release
your
magic
!!!!

KYAAAAAAA
!!!!

Aye
!!!!

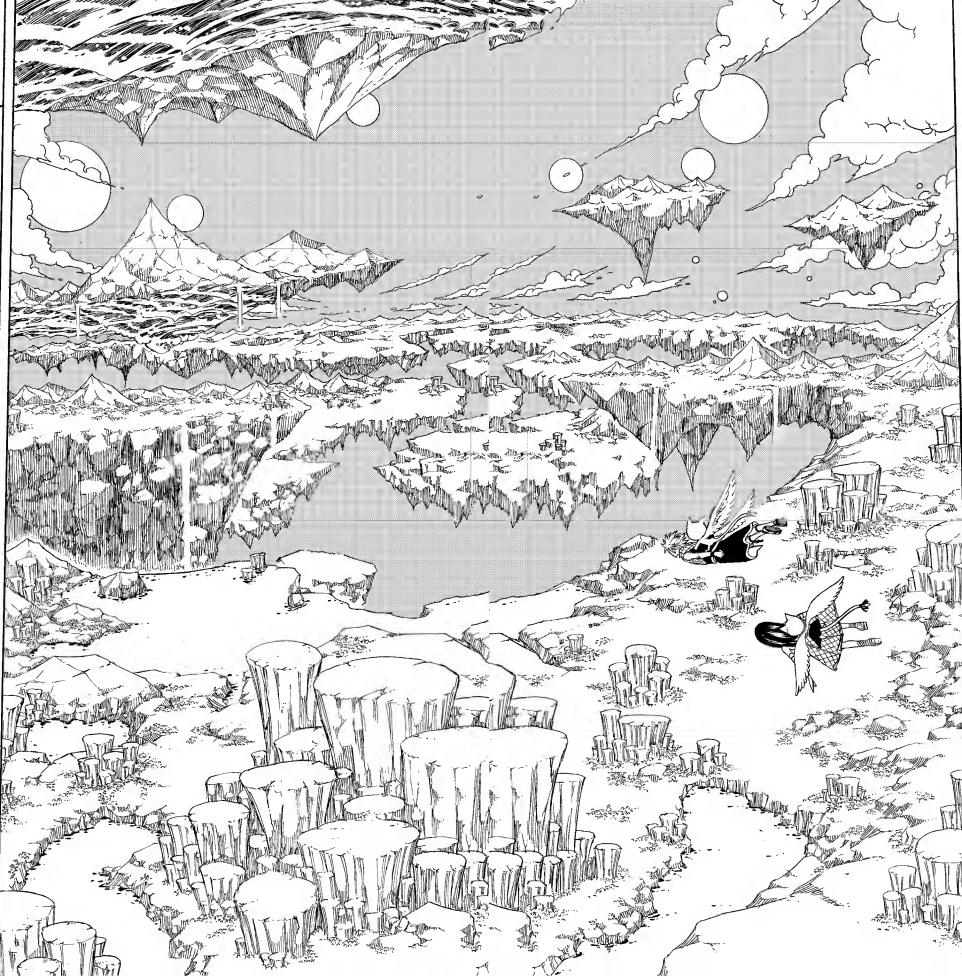
UWOOOAH
!!!!

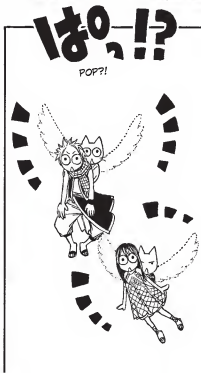
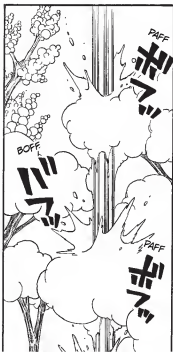
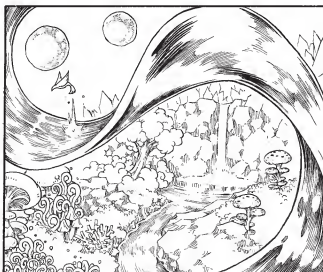
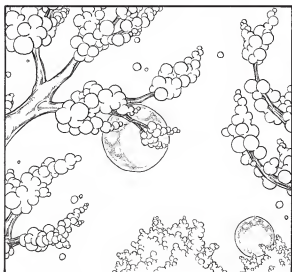


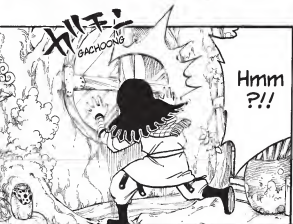
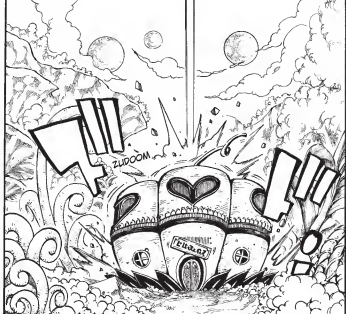
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Edolas...

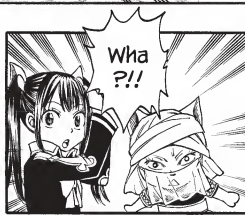
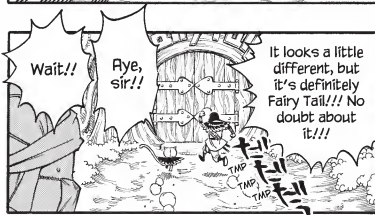
These
are my
roots...

Ohhh!!!











W-Wait
for me,
Juvia-
chan!



Juvia will
be going
on a job
now.



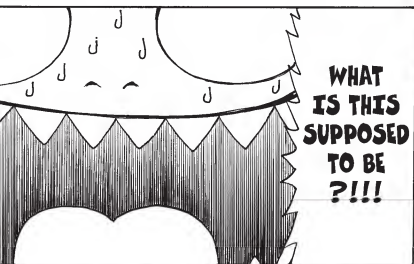
.....
Wha...?!

You must
be broiling!
How many
jackets are
you wearing?



I wanna go
with you...
Is that
okay?

HEH
⚡
X

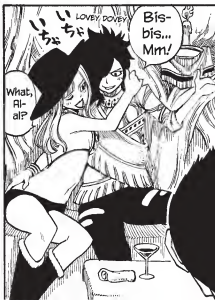
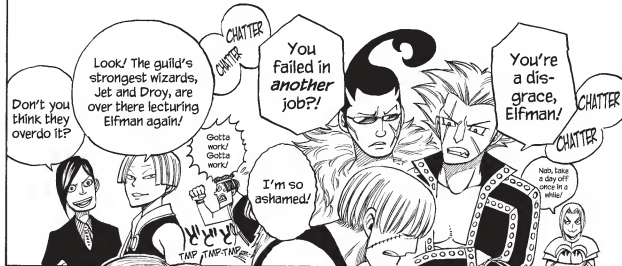


**WHAT
IS THIS
SUPPOSED
TO BE
?!!!**

Y-You know
I can't
stand the
cold!!

Ask again
when you
lose a few
layers.







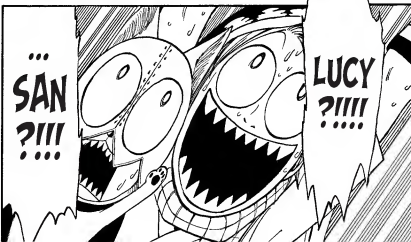


And
whaddya
think yer
doin' sneaking
around down
there?



What
in the
world...is
going on
here?

TO BE CONTINUED



...
SAN
?!!!
....

LUCY
?!!!!
.....

Afterword



Made it to 20 volumes!! Everybody, thank you so much for always being there!! This time, I'm going to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported this effort! I could never have kept this up this long alone, so I want to show my gratitude to everyone connected with Fairy Tail! Of course that includes you readers. You don't know how much your letters of support keep me going... Really! My appreciation knows no bounds!

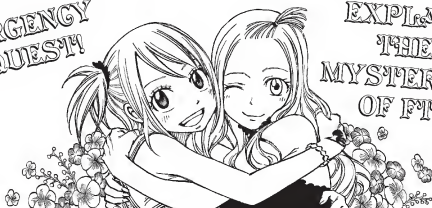
By the way, counting my other series and short story collections, this makes my 66th graphic novel volume. That's a pretty impressive number too, huh? There sure are a huge number of drawings... But I'm determined to try even harder from here on out! Probably.

Now this volume marks the start of the Edolas story, but it's also the Happy story that I mentioned a little while ago. I go and say, "Someday I want to do that!" and then I go and do it right off the bat. That's so like me! I can't tell for sure exactly what kind of story it'll turn out to be, but I predict that there will be tons of plot twists like you've never seen before! What's going to happen?

Come to think of it, there was one more really big event in here! The arrival of Gildarts! What a dumb-looking old guy, huh? He was kind of dumb in his early concepts too, but when I had the idea of the town split in two, I thought, "Ah! I'm the real dummy here!"

EMERGENCY
REQUEST!

EXPLAIN
THE
MYSTERIES
OF FT!



At the Fairy Tail Counter

Lucy: Lovely ♡ Mira-saan!

Mira: Lovely ♡ Lucy!



: Twinkle, twinkle huuug ♡

Mira: I think that should do it, huh? Lucy?



: Um... We're not going to do this every time, are we?



: Of course we are! This is our new standard pose everybody will be expecting!

Lucy: But it's got nothing to do with the question corner.

Mira: Our first question is...

When Racer
was fighting
Gray



...not this, but
a different question
altogether!



: Ehhhhhhhhhhhhhh?!!

Mira: I think...we've had enough Racer questions, don't you?

Lucy: Y-Yeah, I guess. Everybody, let's keep those questions to ourselves, okay?

I've got a
question!! Is
it possible for
Aquarius and
Scorpio to get
married? Can
they have kids?



Mira: What do you say, Lucy?

Lucy: U-Um... That's a hard question...

Mira: I think they should be able to. Only natural, right?

Lucy: Hmm... I'd feel sorry for them if they weren't able to do those things...



: I wonder what kind of kids they might have. A huge urn with scorpion legs coming out of it maybe...



: Eeeeeee!!!!

Mira: With a fishtail attached to the back...

Lucy: Kyaaaaaaaaa!!!

Mira: With the face of a bull.



: Now you're mixing in things completely unrelated!!!



: So everybody, that ends it for today! All done!

Twinkle, twinkle, huuug!



: I don't think we answered *any* questions this time.

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▼ Wow-wo! Everybody's so cool! And the dotted line ending is nice too!



Ota Prefecture: Rina Kanano

▼ It's rare to see an illustration of a mage! And because it's rare, here it is!



Yamashita Prefecture: Zen ◀ R

▼ When! Now this one is cool! I have a waitress for this kind of thing!



Nara Prefecture: Aki

▼ Oh! The black really highlights the mage cool!



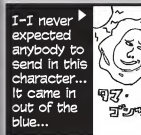
Setama Prefecture: Miyu Katayama

▼ Thank you! Aie I love you right back! Yahoo!



Gifu Prefecture: Anna Izumi

▼ Gray's popularity is on a steep up-spike because of the animal!



I-I never expected anybody to send in this character... It came in out of the blue...



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Hoikado I Want to Be in Fairy Tail!!

▼ If you say Fairy Tail's best cook! It's probably Shuei too, maybe.



Kanagawa Prefecture: Hikaru Ghina

▼ Loco and Aquarius! Very well done!



Hongo Prefecture: Kishii

▼ Bold Natsu getting a brave point, but, however before his comes making me!



Osaka Gifu:

▼ Wocky-wocky Aries! Finally she's joined Lucy's group!



Hyogo Prefecture: Takahiro Yamamoto

▼ That poo seed, huh...? Just poo seed, huh...?



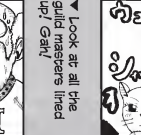
Taiwan: Kikou

▼ Every now and then I get a card from Taiwan! Hee hee!



Hoikado Reira 58105

▼ Look at all the guild members lined up! Great!



Aichi Prefecture: Rusehi

▼ They had so many fans that they actually made it into Fairy Tail.

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



That was quick! We're already at Volume 20!

At first, this was just a story of Natsu going off on a search for Igneel, but that story has been put on the shelf. And while I've been fooling around with other things, before I know it, it's Volume 20!

Maybe I should get started on that Igneel story... And while I'm saying that, there's been another plot twist... What's going to happen...? What's going on in my brain...?

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 4, Fight for Right

In Japanese this was a phrase that meant both "fighting evil," and "walking the narrow path of righteousness." It is also something that comes out a bit like a slogan, so it seemed that "Fight for Right" would be a close translation.

Page 15, Shiranui-gata

Shiranui literally means "unknown fire," and it can be used to describe the mysterious lights you see on the ocean, or bioluminescence. Natsu's probably using it because he doesn't know where the fire Jellal fed him came from.



Page 32, Host

As people familiar with Japanese culture would know, the "host" is taken from the word "hostess," which has taken on the meaning in Japan of a woman who works in a bar making conversation and drinking with the male customers. The host here is the male version of that: A generally good-looking young adult man who drinks with female patrons and amuses them with conversation and flattery.

Page 67, Nabura

As listed in the notes for the previous volume, *nabura* is a word of unknown meaning that the master of Cait Shelter, Robaul, says often. Not even his guild members know what it means, so the reader is left to guess.

Page 68, "Now Ichiya..." "Now Ichiya?"

This is a kind of song that is often heard in Japanese festivals where a master-of-ceremonies-like person calls out a word or phrase and the crowd is supposed to repeat it. However they can repeat it as a question or a statement, so the song can be thought of as a sort of limited conversation between the caller and the crowd.

Page 68, Wa-hoo

In Japanese, this was *Wa-shoi*, which is a common response from a crowd during festival songs and activities. It's most commonly found when groups in festivals are bearing Shinto shrine or Buddhist altar floats on their shoulders and carrying the portable shrines in a parade-like fashion. Unfortunately this nuance was difficult to put in the English, so I substituted a similar-sounding happy shout instead.



Page 87, Forms

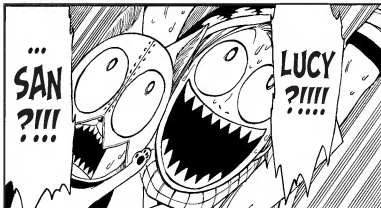
This was a way that Lucy referred to her Celestial Spirits back in Volume 1. See the notes in Volume 1 for more information on "counter" words and why I chose "forms" as my translation for it in the first place.

Page 148, My Ears Hurt

He doesn't mean physically, of course. This is a standard idiom meaning that the listener is hearing something that they really don't want to hear. I could have translated it more culturally, but I think the meaning still comes through with a literal translation of the Japanese.

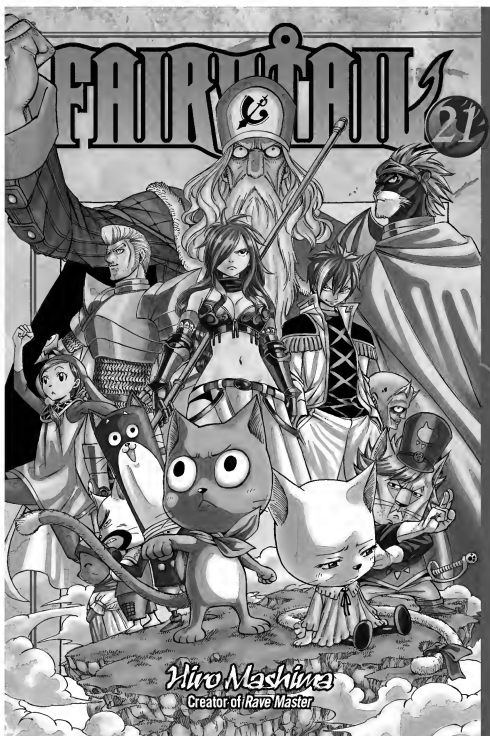
Page 188, ...san

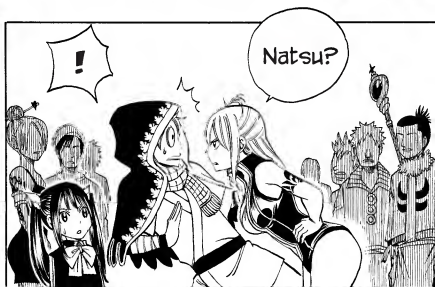
Sometimes having Japanese honorifics left in the translation makes a passage easier to translate. In this case, Happy realizes that Lucy is a lot tougher and worthy of respect than the Lucy he knows. So whereas with the regular Lucy, they're close enough that he doesn't have to use honorifics, he adds the honorific to this Lucy so as not to offend her.

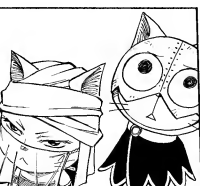


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Also, Jet
and Droy, you
two have to stop
picking on my
brother
Elfman!

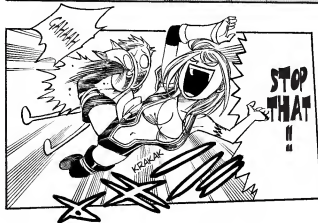


No...



YEAH,
YEAH...

Lisanna
...





?!

So it *isn't* that everyone here is the opposite.



Mira-san's little sister...? I remember somebody saying that she was dead.

H-How can Lisanna be here...?

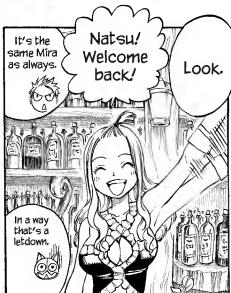


You think so?

Hey, don't you think that little girl looks like *you*, Wendy?

But the clincher is *that* woman over there.

That's me? !!!



It's the same Mira as always.

Natsu! Welcome back!

Look.

In a way that's a letdown.



These people...

...aren't the people we're looking for!



Eh?

Eh?



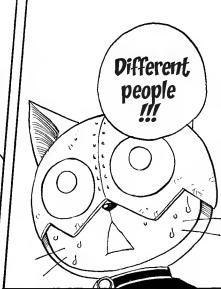
No, they're not the opposite. They're just different!



... here
in Edolas
from the
start?!



These
people
have
been...



Different
people
!!!



Edolas
has its
own unique
history and
culture.

But it's
possible
for a Fairy
Tail to
exist here.

It isn't
completely
out
of the
question.

This
world
is like a
parallel
world.



What are
you guys
prattling
on about
?

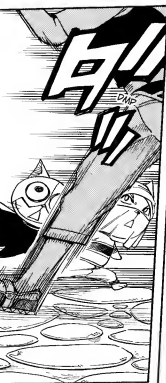
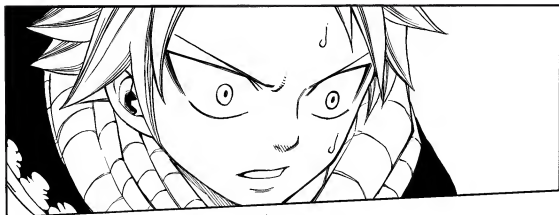
Then where
is everybody
that we
know?!!

How should
I know?! We
have to go out
looking for
them, right?



You're
kidding
...!!!

This is a
Fairy Tail
that was
always on
Edolas?!



BLOODY MONDAY

Story by

Ryou Ryumon

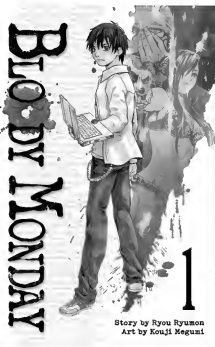
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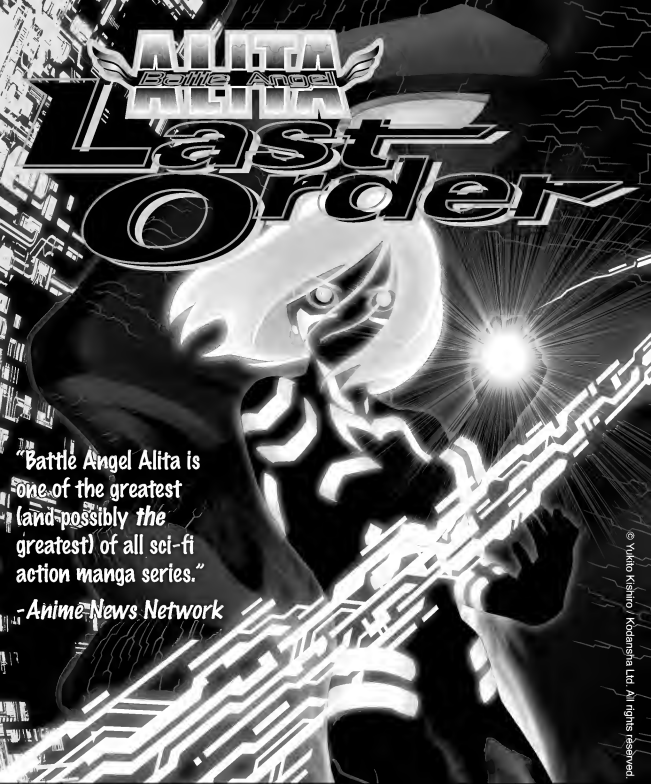


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